

STATEMENT FROM THE VIGO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Last night, a majority of the Vigo County Council chose not to place the Commissioners' school funding request on the October 6 agenda.

Despite that decision, the Commissioners intend to submit the request again by the September deadline for the October 6 meeting. We believe it is important to continue doing everything within our ability to keep this opportunity moving forward while there remains a path to do so.

Our commitment has not changed. We will continue providing the information necessary for consideration and ask that any remaining questions be brought forward promptly and publicly so they can be answered openly for the Council and our community.

We are grateful to the Council members who have been engaged from the beginning, taking the time to understand the proposal, work through the details and listen to our students and families.

Those student voices have been especially important. They have reminded us that waiting indefinitely is not a neutral choice. Time matters, and so do the consequences of continued delay.

The School Corporation has significant decisions ahead and may ultimately be forced to make them separately from the broader community effort we have been pursuing.

This has never been simply about buildings. It is about creating better opportunities for our students and families, strengthening our workforce and quality of life, and making a transformational investment in Vigo County without increasing property taxes.

We recognize there are strong emotions and differing perspectives surrounding a decision of this magnitude. We respect that. But our responsibility is to keep working toward a conclusion.

We will continue to show up, provide answers and pursue a path forward until it is clear one no longer exists. We ask that any remaining questions be addressed quickly and transparently so this process can reach a decision, yes or no.

Our students, families and community deserve that clarity. More importantly, they deserve a decision.