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House of Representatives
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE DEMOCRATIC POLICY COMMITTEE HEARING
Topic: School Building Toxic Conditions & Emergency Funding
Furness Horace High School – Philadelphia, PA
September 4, 2019

AGENDA

2:00 p.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks

2:10 p.m. Panelists:

- Daniel Peou
Principal, Furness Horace High School
- Jerry Jordan
President, Philadelphia Federation of Teachers
- Jerry Roseman
Environmental Science Director for Philadelphia Federation of Teachers, and
Environmental Science Advisor to Philly Health Schools Initiative
- Pat Eiding
President, Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO
- Stephen Rodriguez
Superintendent of Schools, Pottstown School District
- Janene Hasan
STEM Specialist, Southwark Community School

2:50 p.m. *Questions & Answers*

3:30 p.m. Closing Remarks



FUND OUR FACILITIES IS A COALITION OF ELECTED OFFICIALS, LABOR ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITY GROUPS FOCUSED ON ENSURING FUNDING FOR SCHOOL FACILITIES.

We are advocating for a commonsense agenda based on the following:

- Every child across the Commonwealth has the right to a quality public education in a school that is safe, healthy, and clean.
- For too long, students across the state have suffered from catastrophic disinvestment in their schools, resulting in physical and environmental hazards in their school buildings.
- As leaders in our communities, we have a moral imperative to work in a unified way to ensure that no child is ever again poisoned in their classroom.

For \$170 million, the following environmental hazards across the School District of Philadelphia's more than 200 buildings can be remediated:

- More school cleaning and maintenance staff
- Rodent & pest control; asthma control
- Accelerated and expanded lead paint stabilization
- Repair of water leaks
- Electrical & lighting upgrades
- Bathroom upgrades
- Window replacement

This \$170 million will help ensure Philadelphia's schools are safe, healthy, and clean. It does not negate the need for the billions of dollars needed for a longer-term facilities investment plan.

While this figure is specific to Philadelphia's needs, our Coalition is founded on the principles of equitable access across the state and nation. We are part of a broader nationwide "Fund Our Future" investment agenda for public schools, and we hope that our collective efforts can serve as a model for other cities and states looking for sensible ways to ensure the safety and health of our children.

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- State Representative Joe Webster, HD150
- State Representative Mary Isaacson, HD175
- State Representative Joe Hohenstein, HD177
- State Representative Malcolm Kenyatta, HD181
- State Representative Brian Sims, HD182
- State Representative Elizabeth Fiedler, HD185
- State Representative Joanna McClinton, HD191
- State Representative Morgan Cephas, HD192
- State Representative Donna Bullock, HD195
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- State Representative Stephen Kinsey, HD201
- State Representative Jared Solomon, HD202

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- Councilmember Mark Squilla, 1st Council District
- Councilmember Cherelle Parker, 9th Council District
- Councilmember Helen Gym, At Large
- Councilmember Derek Green, At Large

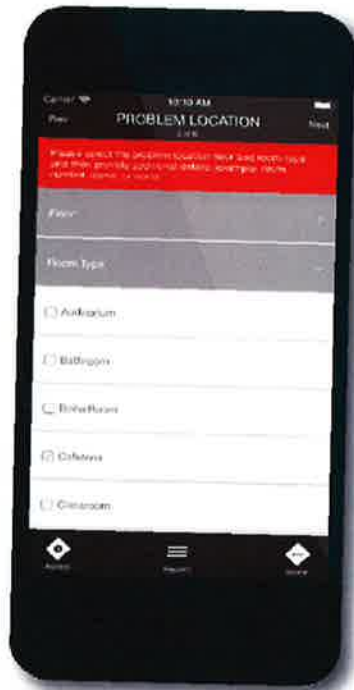
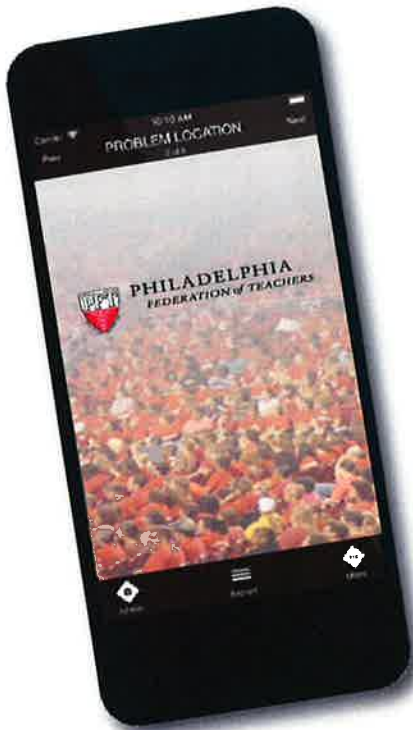
Organizations

- Philadelphia Federation of Teachers
- American Federation of Teachers Pennsylvania
- American Federation of Teachers
- Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO
- Philly Healthy Schools Initiative
- For Our Future Pennsylvania
- Public Interest Law Center

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