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SCMAGLEV Project  
c/o Lauren Molesworth  
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To: Baltimore-Washington SCMAGLEV Project Team

This letter is being submitted on behalf of the Prince George's County Board of Education to express that the Board does not support the Superconducting Magnetic Levitation transportation system (SCMAGLEV) project. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the SCMAGLEV train outlines two possible routes for the project. Both routes have the potential for significant impacts on public schools located in Prince George's County. According to the DEIS, [Appendix B.2, Socioeconomic and Community Resources](#), the following schools would be impacted:

- Bladensburg HS
- Beacon Heights ES
- Eleanor Roosevelt HS
- Lamont ES
- Montpelier ES
- Port Towns ES
- Rogers Height ES

Based on the maps provided in the DEIS, some of these schools are directly above proposed tunnels or adjacent to the proposed routes. The proximity of these schools to what is expected to be approximately seven years of construction could present several challenges to the education provided to countless PGCPS students. Over the seven-year time span, children could be subjected to construction noises, ground movements, debris, construction traffic, pollution, and other byproducts of ongoing construction. This would be detrimental to a conducive learning environment. In addition, once construction is completed, and the trains are up and running, the impact from trains running under or next to schools remains to be seen and we desire to keep children out of harm's way.

Lastly, the proposed routes from SCMAGLEV go through some of our most vulnerable communities. These schools are central to providing services not only for students, but also for families. The construction of this project or the operation of train service would be detrimental to these communities that rely on schools for various types of support beyond just providing education. These schools provide special needs resources to our students and ensure our students receive healthy meals. One of these schools expected to be impacted by this project has a school-based wellness center, which ensures that our children receive proper healthcare. If the schools are disrupted by the construction and the operation of the train, then the entire community is affected.

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*To provide a great education that empowers all students and contributes to thriving communities.*

**Prince George's County Public Schools**

April 15, 2021

For these reasons, the Prince George's County Board of Education does not support the current SCMAGLEV train's proposed plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Miller', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Dr. Juanita Miller  
Chair, Prince George's County Board of Education

Copy to:

Members, Prince George's County Board of Education  
Monica E. Goldson, Ed.D., Chief Executive Officer