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The School Building Authority (SBA) is vested with the responsibility to provide safe, quality, state-of-the-art school facilities to assure today's students—tomorrow's leaders—will have the best facilities today's construction has to offer. To ensure that we meet this awesome challenge, we have embarked on several exciting initiatives.

First, funding is critical to school construction, and with a growing scarcity of resources available at the state level it is more important than ever to be creative in our financing. Over the recent years, we have been able to leverage lottery funds to secure more than \$300 million for school construction. The debt service on these funds has been secured at historically low interest rates, which has saved the taxpayers of West Virginia millions in interest payments and has provided nearly 1,000 good-paying construction jobs here in West Virginia.

Second, as a result of legislation passed four years ago, nearly \$40 million has been spent making our schools safer. From keyless entries to digitally mapping every classroom in the state, West Virginia is leading the nation in making our schools safe.

Third, the SBA has adopted a Quality and Performance Standards for all school construction. This standard documents and makes uniform all materials, mechanical systems and other aspects of school construction in West Virginia, ensuring that all schools will be designed and constructed with the best possible materials available. From sustainable "Green Schools" to "Schools of the Future," the SBA is continually striving to give our students the latest innovation in school construction.

On behalf of the School Building Authority of West Virginia and its staff, we take pride in knowing that what makes West Virginia so special is our citizens and government working together for the common good of all of our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark A. Manchin', is written over a light blue grid background.

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View Looking Southeast from Pennsylvania Avenue / Weirton Elementary School
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