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On behalf of the Smyrna School District Board of Education I would like to sincerely thank the Smyrna town council for their final vote of approval on increased impact fees for the District. Their support throughout this process, the last months, has been unwavering. With their third and final vote at last night's meeting, the impact of new development on the district will be more fairly paid by those choosing to build new homes. This means future capital referendums will range from smaller in size to unnecessary depending on construction costs at the time. This equates to less future tax burden to current homeowners. It has been a long process but was overdue. We could not have done this without the unwavering support of Smyrna's town council. If you have the opportunity, please join us in thanking them as this will have a positive impact on all of us.

We would also like to thank the town of Clayton for their ongoing support and willingness to pass updated impact fees in the near future. We understand it is not a quick process but knowing we have their support means that the end is in sight. The Board hopes Kent County Levy Court will reconsider passing updated impact fees. We are disappointed to not have their support at this time, but we will not stop working towards getting their vote of support. Please feel free to reach out to the Levy Court Commissioners to let them know you stand with the Smyrna School District on fair impact fees. Impact fees will drastically lower any future capital referendums needed in turn helping take the burden off the local taxpayer. Impact fees will ensure new capital projects caused by new home construction are more fairly paid for by that construction not the existing homeowners. If there is no new construction, then there is no new impact on the District.

Once again thank you to Smyrna town council for your continuing support of the District. Our children are our future, and this is a meaningful show of support to help make their future better.

Sincerely,

Christine Malec

Smyrna School District Board of Education President.

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