



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

April 14, 2026

The Honorable Tom Cole
Chairman
Committee on Appropriations

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations

Dear Chairman Cole and Ranking Member DeLauro,

I respectfully request your consideration for the Fiscal Year 2027 funding in the amount of \$2,700,000 to build a new Early Learning Facility at the Lake Weir Middle School campus. The entity to receive funds is Marion County Public Schools, located at 1614 E. Ft. King Street, Ocala, FL 34471.

The project would be valuable to use taxpayer funds because by investing in early learning infrastructure, this project will help ensure more students enter school prepared to succeed, leading to improved academic performance and higher graduation rates. Federal funding will strengthen educational infrastructure and support long-term workforce readiness in one of Marion County's most underserved communities.

This project has a federal nexus because the requested funding is consistent with the purposes authorized under 42 U.S.C. §5305(a)(2) which permits the construction of public facilities and improvements, and §5305(a)(8), which supports public services such as child care and education-related services that benefit the community, particularly low- and moderate-income populations.

I hereby certify that neither I nor any member of my immediate family has a financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randy A. Fine".

Randy Fine
Representative, FL - 06