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A Message of Gratitude from your Cheerleader in Chief:

Dear Rappahannock Community,

Today marks an important milestone for Rappahannock County Public Schools and the future of our community. With the approval of the local option sales tax referendum, Rappahannock County voters have authorized a dedicated funding source to support renovation and capital improvement projects for our public schools.

I want to extend my sincere gratitude to everyone who participated in this important community decision. Regardless of how you voted, your engagement reflects a shared interest in the future of Rappahannock County and the children we serve. For a small, rural school division like ours, maintaining a safe, functional, and welcoming learning environment presents unique financial challenges. This new funding opportunity offers a meaningful path toward addressing our long-term capital needs while helping to reduce our reliance on traditional borrowing and local property taxes.

This decision also comes with tremendous responsibility. As we move forward, our commitment to transparency, careful planning, fiscal responsibility, and collaboration with county leadership will remain essential and of top priority. Our community deserves nothing less.

Above all, I am grateful for the opportunity to continue building a future in which our students and educators have the facilities and resources they need to thrive. Thank you so very much for helping us stay focused on our vision to ***Empower every student to reach their full potential.***

Today, we take an important step toward making that vision a reality. I invite you to please stay engaged with us as we continue to work on our Comprehensive Plan to set the path of RCPS for the next five years. What an amazing community we serve! We are RAPPAHANNOCK!

Respectfully,

Dr. Shannon Grimsley
Superintendent / Cheerleader in Chief