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On August 4, 2022, State Representative Michael Wray presented Halifax County Schools with a check for \$39,083,000 to go towards rebuilding Eastman. The new Eastman pre-kindergarten through 8 school will serve the western side of Halifax County Schools. A new school will allow each student access to a full continuum of services, increasing academic and social outcomes and community engagement.

State Representative Michael Wray represents the 27th district serving Halifax and Northampton counties. Representative Wray states, “This is a situation where the community is in dire need of a new school for the children who reside in this part of the county. It will transform into the 21st century with technology and additional resources that will greatly benefit the students of Halifax County Schools.” Commissioner Carolyn Johnson adds, “This is phenomenal for this community. When Dr. Cunningham and his team made their presentation concerning the application, we knew that this was a good application. We knew it was an application worthy of funding, so it was no surprise that Halifax County Schools received the NC Public Schools Needs Based Grant. The leadership there is phenomenal, and we look forward to greater and better things”.

Superintendent Dr. Eric Cunningham expressed his gratitude to State Representative Michael Wray for his support of Halifax County Schools. Dr. Cunningham states, “The additional funding presented by Representative Wray will allow us to continue to make a tremendous difference in our students, staff, families, and community.” Board Chair Mr. Tyus Few states, “It is a blessing for this community because schools are the heart of a community. It is outstanding that they are going to receive this gift. We pray they continue to support Halifax County Schools and all we are trying to do for the children.” Vice Chair Dr. Joyce Lashley adds, “I am thankful to have the opportunity to be a part of this. We thank Representative Wray for working with the General Assembly to get this funded for us. We are appreciative, and we are looking for great things to come from this area.”

