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Andy Neptune  
The School Building Authority of West Virginia  
2300 Kanawha Blvd E  
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Dear Mr. Neptune,

Jefferson County Schools would like to respectfully request the expiration date for the School Building Authority of West Virginia Needs Grant Award #2100005602 to Jefferson County Schools for the New Ranson and Shepherdstown Elementary Schools be extended 18 months. As you are aware, there have been many challenges with the school construction bidding market post COVID-19. These challenges included rampant construction cost escalation and excessively long equipment lead times. These challenges resulted in delays for re-design and longer than normal construction completion times. We are very pleased that both projects are now in the construction phase.

Jefferson County Schools appreciates your consideration of this request and if approved the grant period would be extended from April 30, 2024, to October 30, 2025, to allow adequate time for construction and closeout for both projects.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

Dr. Chuck Bishop, Superintendent  
Jefferson County Board of Education