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## City Schools Coalition Urges Passage of School Facilities Act in House

WASHINGTON, June 3 -- The Council of the Great City Schools, the coalition of the nation's largest central city school districts, urges the U.S. House of Representatives to approve H.R. 3021, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Green High-Performing School Facilities Act, with an overwhelming bipartisan vote this week.

The Council's 66 urban school districts applaud the work of the House of Representatives to improve the infrastructure of our country's schools and make school modernization a national priority.

H.R. 3021 will help reverse facility deterioration in aging and overcrowded urban schools, and improve learning conditions that will result in better student performance and more effective teacher recruitment and retention.

H.R. 3021 will also provide immediate assistance to school districts that are dealing with budget cuts and a slowing economy. The measure includes provisions to ensure that this federal aid will reach the local level quickly and with the least amount of bureaucracy and red tape.

The Council of the Great City Schools strongly supports passage of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Green High-Performing School Facilities Act.