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**Western Slope Dark Sky Coalition Supports Bond Measure 5B**

Dear Norwood Public School Board and Superintendent Bissell:

We are writing to express our support of Bond Measure 5B, which would procure funding for our local school district in order to improve the physical conditions of the school building, whether this is by repair or replacement.

Education is a key principle of our mission to maintain dark skies, and we support any effort to improve the conditions for all centers of learning in our region.

Along with our support, we also hope that the funds procured by this bond measure should, in part, be utilized to improve and upgrade lighting to adhere to the Smart Lighting Principles. This will help to preserve the ancient and natural heritage of our night sky.

We hope to partner with the school and its affiliates to help spread awareness about the importance of dark skies and educate students about light contamination. We believe that this will be best accomplished by supporting the school's efforts to improve conditions for all students.

Keeping you in the Dark,

Board of Directors Western Slope Dark Sky Coalition