

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515-1803**

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Deanne Criswell  
FEMA Administrator  
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Washington, DC 20024

Administrator Criswell,

I respectfully request an expedited review and approval of Calcasieu Parish School Board's (CPSB) Public Assistance (PA) applications in response to damages caused by Hurricanes Laura and Delta. Without approval of this assistance, CPSB will be unable to continue repairing their damaged facilities due to financial constraints. The following projects are pending approval:

- **#171077** - Temporary roof coverings installed at damaged buildings at a 90% cost share for work performed.
- **#163432** - Temporary roof coverings installed at damaged buildings at a 100% cost share.
- **#163446** - Remediation measures performed at 43 district-wide sites, including drying, sanitizing, and abatement at a 90% cost share.
- **#171095** - Remediation measures performed at 43 district-wide sites, including drying, sanitizing, and abatement at 100% cost share.
- **#163444** - Remediation measures performed at 33 district-wide sites, including drying, sanitizing, and abatement at a 90% cost share for work performed.
- **#171084** - Remediation measures performed at 33 district-wide sites, including drying, sanitizing, and abatement at a 100% cost share.

Additionally, Calcasieu Parish School Board has identified 105 damaged inventory items, each of which has been formulated into one project:

- **2 Category A projects for a subrecipient-estimated cost of \$2 million.**
- **21 Category B projects for a subrecipient-estimated cost of \$139,251,305.80.**
- **82 Category E projects for a subrecipient-estimated cost of \$177,758,731.60.**

With the start of a new school year in less than a week, CPSB desperately needs federal assistance to recover from a devastating 2020 hurricane season. Therefore, I respectfully request that FEMA quickly review and approve the submitted applications outlined above. Our citizens are resilient and strong, yet we are struggling to recover from a brutal year of natural disasters. An efficient federal assistance approval process is critical for Southwest Louisiana.

Additionally, please provide my office with an update on the status of these funds and the timeline of expected release to CPSB. I look forward to working with you in delivering the resources to support Louisiana's recovery efforts after such widespread destruction.

Respectfully,



Clay Higgins  
Member of Congress