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Alliance for Positive Growth's New Committee Applauds School Board's \$50 Million Decision

As an organization, the Alliance for Positive Growth (APG) is focused on a successful future for our region and believes that a vital part of achieving that goal is the cultivation of thriving school districts. That's why the grassroots group has formed a new committee focused on education. The Education Committee, chaired by Joey Jarreau, recently had the opportunity to speak out regarding the Calcasieu Parish School Board's March 13th vote on capital projects spending.

"Because sales tax collections in Calcasieu Parish have seen significant growth in recent history, APG applauds the decision by CPSB members and administration to dedicate \$50 million of these excess reserve funds for capital outlay projects within the district," said Jarreau. "This conservative approach is a step in the right direction to address the long-term needs of many of our aging school buildings."

APG is hopeful that Calcasieu Parish school board members will use this opportunity to show wise stewardship of tax dollars. Additionally, APG stands firm in the belief that these efforts will go a long way in encouraging the community support of the passage of future bond issues.

"The APG Education Committee looks forward to seeing these dollars put into meaningful action and following the progress of projects made possible through these funds," continued Jarreau.

The Alliance for Positive Growth is an organization of professionals in the fields of real estate, development, construction and all other interested parties working together to promote strong, beneficial growth in Southwest Louisiana. Education Committee members are: David Borel, Jonathan Jimney, Richman Reinauer, Tanis Sewell and Angela Queenan.

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