



BASIC Coalition Statement

Washington, D.C. - November 9, 2020: The [Re] Build America's School Infrastructure Coalition ([BASIC](#)) is pleased to support the [Economic Justice Act \(EJA\)](#) and is grateful to Senate Minority Leader Schumer and the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee for introducing a bill that would carve a strong path towards America's economic recovery with a strong focus on social and racial justice. Within its ten-part community investment proposal, the EJA includes billions in federal funding for our nation's public school facilities, which is desperately needed to improve the health and safety of our nation's schools. The deteriorated conditions of our public school facilities has been highlighted by this pandemic, but it has been a reality for decades for students and staff in low-wealth and minority communities. To serve these communities, funds under EJA would be targeted to the lowest wealth districts with the highest need schools and build the capacity of states to do more to assist struggling districts. If enacted, the EJA would serve as a strong down payment on the Rebuild America's Schools Act (RASA) led by Senator Reed and Chairman Bobby Scott, which BASIC hopes the next Congress will pass into law alongside the EJA.

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[The Re\[Build\] America's School Infrastructure Coalition \(BASIC\)](#) is a non-partisan coalition of civic, public sector, labor, and industry associations who support federal funding to help under-served public school districts modernize and build K-12 public school facilities. We believe that ALL children should attend healthy, safe, and educationally appropriate school facilities. It's BASIC.

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