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RAHALL CALLS FOR SUPPORT OF BETTER SCHOOL AMENDMENT, STRESSES NEED FOR SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

Montcalm, W. Va. -- U.S. Representative Nick J. Rahall, II, (D-WV), today called for support of Amendment #4, the Better School Amendment which will be on the ballot in West Virginia this November.

Speaking at the dedication of Montcalm High School (Mercer County) Rahall stated, "Amendment #4 is an initiative we can all support. This will undoubtedly help us to continue on the path we have chosen to follow -- a path in which the education of our children takes a top priority".

Rahall reiterated his strong support in Congress for funding for educational programs. "There have been attempts made in the past --and some have succeeded-- to cut funding for education in favor of stepping up the arms race and extending it into space", Representative Rahall observed. "Those who advocate these priorities are mortgaging our future".

"As long as I represent the people of West Virginia, I will work to preserve this future for our children and allow them to prepare for it," Rahall said.

The new high school in Montcalm "stands as a monument to the hard work and dedication of the people of Montcalm and Mercer County" and attests to the achievements of communities bonding together in support of public education and the necessity for this support to continue.

During the dedication ceremony, Representative Rahall also urged students to make the most of the opportunity afforded them through the new school. "You are our future and you must begin to prepare for it now", Rahall emphasized.