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Report calls for more school, housing funds

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Prince George's County could grow significantly, but only if it dramatically improves its public schools and community college, according to a study released last week.

The Prince George's Business-Education Alliance's report, "Investing in Our Future: Education and the Economy in Prince George's County," calls for a systemic, countywide commitment to improving the schools and the community college.

The county is expected to grow 173 percent by 2030, compared with regional growth of 101 percent. About 140,000 new jobs are expected to be created, according to the study.

That's why the county needs a well-trained, professional workforce that can compete and contribute, said David R. Merkwitz, the alliance's executive director.

"We can't fulfill our obligations if we don't invest in the county," Merkwitz said.

The 22-page report examined trends in public education and suggested improvements, including fully funding the school system's budget and more money to build a high-tech medical center at the community college.

The County Council has not fully funded the school system's budget in about two decades, said County Councilman Thomas R. Hendershot (D-Dist. 3) of New Carrollton, a member of the study group that helped produce the report.

The report also called for increased funding for housing, to help attract high-end businesses. Children of those employees would help raise school test scores, Hendershot and Merkwitz said.

"A lack of affordable housing impedes the effort to hire people," Hendershot said. "Our goals as policymakers should be attracting the kinds of people hired at NASA and at College Park."

With the school system receiving only about 60 percent of the money school officials request, the system has to play catch-up, Merkwitz said.

"We're not going to fund this on the cheap," Hendershot said.

The system also is competing with surrounding counties for teachers, but with low starting salaries, Prince George's schools are at a disadvantage, Merkwitz said.

With the schools' less-than-stellar reputation, gaining support for more funding won't be easy, Merkwitz acknowledged. Still, the alliance plans to share the report's findings with area business

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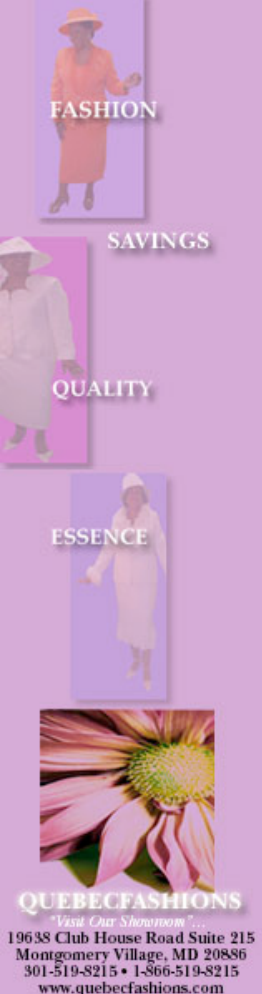
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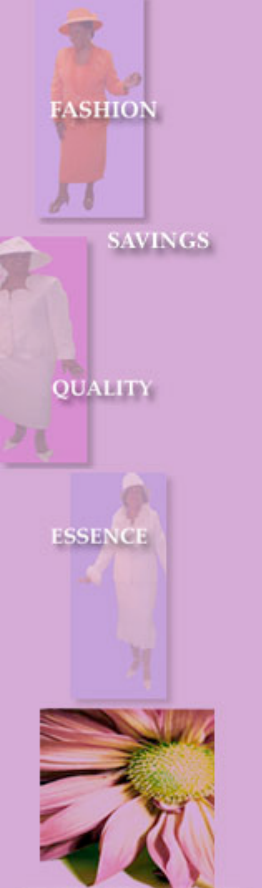
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