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Honorable Members of the Virginia Beach General Assembly Delegation

Dear Senators and Delegates:

I hope your family and our region are spared from the worst effects of Tropical Storm Isaias. We are all hoping that we will receive minimal wind and flooding effects from the storm. I want to thank the delegation members who were able to participate in the virtual meeting with City Council last week. I know that all members of Council appreciated the opportunity for dialogue.

Due to the impending storm, we had to cancel the City Council meeting scheduled for August 4, 2020. City Council had planned to officially adopt two resolutions outlining our requests for your consideration during the General Assembly August Special Session:

1. Restore funding for K-12 Education
2. Include funding for renovation of Building 2 in response to the tragic events on May 31, 2019

Restoring the \$300 million of funding that was deallocated from the budget during the veto session, would fund a 2% salary increase for each year of the biennium for Standards of Quality (SOQ) positions. We hope that the Delegation can work with the rest of the General Assembly to have funding for the salary increases reinstated into the budget to support our educators.

Our second request, to include funding for the renovation of Building 2, would allow the City to complete the much-needed renovations to building 2, site of the May 31, 2019 tragedy, and restore our displaced departments back to a unified point of service for our citizens. The City has already invested \$4 million for engineering alone. Receiving \$10 million for Building 2 renovations will be of great assistance to the City.

Again, I respectfully request that you consider this letter as a request of the entire City Council and provide as much assistance as possible. Please don't hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions or would like to discuss further. I wish you the best during the upcoming Special Session.

Sincerely,

Robert M. "Bobby" Dyer
Mayor, City of Virginia Beach

c: Virginia Beach City Council
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