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City of Williamsburg Statement on James City County Board of Supervisors' Decision to Terminate Joint Schools Contract

Williamsburg, VA – We are aware of the decision made by the James City County Board of Supervisors regarding their intention to separate our joint school system. Obviously, separation is a possibility we have been studying, [as announced in June](#), but we have not reached any final decisions regarding that issue.

While the County's action does not change the City's plan to thoroughly study the impacts of separation before making a decision, our study will now necessarily focus more acutely on what an independent school system may look like. Our intention continues to be to make a thoughtful and deliberate decision that puts the needs of students, families, and teachers first. That has always been our priority and will continue to be so as we move forward. It is important that everyone remember, as we stated when we launched our study in June, that no changes would occur prior to the 2025-2026 school year.

We understand as members of this community that parents, students, and teachers have many questions about what the future may hold. We want the community to be a part of this process, and the community will be a part of this process. That is the only way that this work can be successful, and we look forward to a robust conversation with our students, parents, teachers, and residents in the months to come.

As updates occur, we will post the information to our website at williamsburgva.gov/feasibilitystudy.