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March 3, 2020

The Honorable Kathy Lawson
Mayor, City of Martinsville
P.O. Box 1112
Martinsville, VA 24114

Dear Mayor Lawson:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Henry County Board of Supervisors. We thank you for your letter of February 3, 2020 and please consider this correspondence to be our response to that letter.

As you know, the County previously expressed interest in meeting with the City to discuss issues related to reversion, specifically with regard to our two school systems. We continue to believe negotiation is the best path forward for both localities, and that taking incremental steps in this process is the most efficient way to get there. We remain committed to open and honest communication regarding the City's reversion.

Therefore, we propose the following outline for an initial meeting between our two localities:

1. A Henry County team comprised of our outside counsel from Guynn, Carroll, Waddell and Lockaby, P.C., of Salem; our County Attorney; our County Administrator and Deputy County Administrator; and our Board of Supervisors Chairman and Vice Chairman would meet with a similar peer group from the City;
2. The City would host the meeting, at a time and place convenient to both entities, but no earlier than Monday, April 13 (this would allow both localities time to complete FY 2020-21 Budget preparations and presentations);
3. The City would create and provide an agenda for the meeting, and disseminate it to us no later than ten days prior to the proposed meeting, outlining what the City considers to be the initial key issues moving forward;

4. The County would have the opportunity, no later than five days prior to the proposed meeting, to add items to the agenda; and
5. The meeting would include only the representatives as outlined in item #1, in order to facilitate a genuine and open initial dialogue between the two teams and to set parameters and expectations for future meetings that may be scheduled.

Thank you for your consideration of the items listed above. We look forward to your response.

On behalf of the Henry County Board of Supervisors,

Jim Adams

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Adams", with a stylized, cursive script.

Chairman

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