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March 29, 2012

Mr. Thomas G. Shepperd, Jr.
Chairman, Board of Supervisors
224 Ballard Street
P. O. Box 532
Yorktown, VA 23690

Dear Mr. Shepperd:

I am writing to thank members of the Board of Supervisors for stating their intention to approve an increase in the County contribution to the school division of \$3,861,636. We appreciate your support of our schools.

The School Board voted yesterday to authorize me to sign the attached memorandum of understanding (MOU) on behalf of the School Division, with the understanding that this is a one-time agreement that pertains only to FY13.

As we partner with the County to address the difficult budget situation, the School Board feels strongly that no VRS expenditure savings should be returned to the County. The School Board would prefer to use a portion of any VRS expenditure savings to avoid some of our anticipated teacher layoffs. At the invitation of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, and in response to the proposed MOU received from the County on March 26, Dr. George attended the Board of Supervisors work session on March 27. In the spirit of compromise, and on behalf of the School Board, Dr. George stated that the School Board would consider retaining no more than half of the VRS savings in order to use the funds to avoid some of the anticipated layoffs.

The School Board is disappointed that the Board of Supervisors was not receptive to the school division retaining a portion of VRS savings to decrease the number of teacher layoffs. However, the School Board authorized the signing of the MOU because of its commitment to a positive working relationship with the County. Please understand that we would like to have the opportunity to keep you informed regarding the needs of our school division, including resources that would be necessary to minimize teacher layoffs.

We appreciate your attention to the needs of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Barbara S. Haywood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Barbara S. Haywood
Chairperson, York County Public School Division

cc: Dr. Eric Williams, Superintendent, York County Public School Division
Mr. James O. McReynolds, County Administrator
Mrs. Sheila S. Noll, Board of Supervisors, York County
Mr. Walter C. Zaremba, Board of Supervisors, York County
Mr. Donald E. Wiggins, Board of Supervisors, York County
Mr. George S. Hrichak, Board of Supervisors, York County

Memorandum of Understanding

This Memorandum of Understanding between the York County Board of Supervisors (“York County”) and the County School Board of York County (“the School Division”), entered into this _____ day of _____, 2012, is intended to memorialize the agreement between the two bodies regarding revenues to be received by the School Division from the Commonwealth of Virginia and expenditures required of the School Division for the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) and VRS related expenditures, to the extent that they differ from the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 budget adopted by the School Division at its meeting of March 26, 2012.

Paragraph 1. An amount equal to any revenues projected to be received by the School Division from the Commonwealth of Virginia based on the original state approved budget for Fiscal Year 2013 using the County projected student enrollment of 12,350 that is over and above the estimate of such revenues included in the aforementioned proposed Fiscal Year 2013 budget adopted by the School Division will be remitted to the County in FY13, less the sum of \$150,000 as explained in Paragraph 2.

Paragraph 2. Further, with regard to Fiscal Year 2013 anticipated VRS and VRS driven expenditures, it is recognized that actions which will likely be taken by the Commonwealth will result in the addition of \$150,000 to such costs as included in the aforementioned proposed Fiscal Year 2013 budget adopted by the School Division, by virtue of the adoption of SB 497 by the General Assembly or similar legislation. If these actions are taken, then the amount of the additional costs, up to \$150,000 will be deducted from the payment made by the School Division to York County, as described in Paragraph 1.

Paragraph 3. Any amount calculated to be remitted to the County under the provisions in Paragraphs 1 and 2 will be decreased by any projected VRS designated revenue attributable to the New Horizon Regional Education Program that the state allocates to the York County School Division beyond the revenues included in the aforementioned proposed Fiscal Year 2013 budget adopted by the School Division.

Paragraph 4. In addition to the foregoing, in the event that the final budget adopted by the Commonwealth should require VRS and VRS related costs to be less than that included in the aforementioned Fiscal Year 2013 budget adopted by the School Division, an amount equal to the decrease shall be remitted to the County.

Thomas Shepperd, Jr.
Chairman
York County Board of Supervisors

Barbara Haywood,
Chairman
York County School Board