



VIRGINIA BEACH CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A H E A D O F T H E C U R V E

RESOLUTION IN REPOSE TO THE PROJECTED TRANSFER OF \$8.8 MILLION IN SCHOOL RESERVE/REVERSION FUNDS TO THE OPERATING BUDGET OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

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WHEREAS, the members of the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach deeply regret the decision of the Virginia Beach City Council to use \$8.8 million in school reserve/reversion funds to balance the municipal budget as well as the decision to eliminate lump sum appropriation and return to categorical appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the School Board and school administration executed a comprehensive savings and efficiency program which ensured a reasonable reserve would be in place to address the impact of an unstable economy on this school division; and

WHEREAS, School Board members will continue to advocate for students in a framework of fiscal responsibility; and

WHEREAS, a May 10, 2010 meeting between City Council and School Board leadership resulted in the acknowledgement of the need for improved communication between these two governing bodies, especially regarding budgetary matters of great import; and

WHEREAS, the School Board expresses a commitment to encouraging those improvements in a systematic and ongoing manner; and

WHEREAS, a result of the May 10 meeting is the expectation by the School Board that there will be a commitment by City Council to fully re-appropriate all existing and future school reserve and reversion funds; and

WHEREAS, the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach deeply appreciates the support this community has voiced in recent days regarding adequate funding for schools and pledges to move forward in such a way that will justify faith in the School Board's financial stewardship.

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That as the School Board moves toward school year 2011-12, when the shortfall in the operating budget is a projected \$34.5 million, the School Board will closely monitor the changing financial climate and take necessary actions to alleviate the loss of funding for the City's public school students and staff, as much as possible; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the School Board will make its case before the General Assembly regarding changing state law so as to allow the Commonwealth's 132 public school divisions to maintain and operate their own reserve funds; and be it

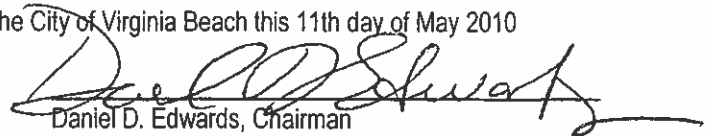
FINALLY RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be spread across the official minutes of this School Board, and the Clerk of the School Board is directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to the Mayor, each member of City Council, the City Manager, and the City Clerk.

Adopted by the School Board of the City of Virginia Beach this 11th day of May 2010

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Attest:

Dianne P. Alexander
Dianne P. Alexander, Clerk of the Board


Daniel D. Edwards, Chairman