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The Honorable Gavin Buckley  
Mayor, City of Annapolis  
160 Duke of Gloucester Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Mayor Buckley,

In an effort to continue to coordinate our efforts for the betterment of the students and citizens that we serve, I am reaching out to you in reference to our upcoming Tyler Heights Elementary School renovation/expansion project. As you are aware, we are working collaboratively with staff at the State, County, and City levels to prepare the project for a groundbreaking in FY 2019. The requisite planning and design elements are being finalized in anticipation of construction funding being appropriated by the State and County during the ongoing budget deliberations. We believe that this high profile multi-million dollar project, once completed, will be transformative for the Ward 5 and 6 areas.

As I mentioned above, we have been coordinating our efforts to date with the appropriate elected/appointed officials as well as with Pete Gutwald and Sally Nash at the City. The project is currently in for site design plan approval and has been assigned project number SDP2018-002 by the City's staff. We look forward to this continued level of collaboration as we strive to efficiently and expeditiously gain the requisite approvals for the site plan, building permit, and trade permits.

As part of the collaborative process, I am seeking your support, and that of the esteemed City Aldermen and Alderwomen, for a resolution to be introduced and approved for the benefit of the project. Specifically, I am seeking said resolution to waive the various permit and plan review fees that are typically charged as part of the process. Unlike a commercial entity, public entities such as the Federal Government or agents of the State like the school system do not pay such fees when the project is slated for a public use and occur on publicly owned land. I have attached a legal advisory letter dated May 11, 2012, by corporate counsel for the Board of Education to the former City Attorney outlining the supporting rationale for same. The resolution supporting the fee waiver will simply serve to save the taxpaying public these monies and ensure that said funding is directly and fully invested into the revitalized facility for the public good.

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Thank you in advance for your support for this project and for the public school system as a whole. We remain available to work with you, the Alderman, and City staff as appropriate to facilitate the timely resolution and ultimate delivery of this laudable project.

Respectfully submitted,



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Superintendent of Schools

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cc: Alderman Marc Rodriguez  
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