



August 12, 2026

The Honorable Kenneth Cooper Alexander, Mayor
Members of the Norfolk City Council
City of Norfolk
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mayor Alexander and Members of the Norfolk City Council:

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR NORFOLK PUBLIC SCHOOLS CAPITAL INVESTMENT REFERENDUM

The Norfolk School Board and leadership team expresses its strong support and appreciation for the Norfolk City Council's action to advance a referendum that will allow the citizens of Norfolk to consider an additional one-percent local sales tax dedicated solely to the new construction and major renovation of our public schools.

This action builds upon many years of commitment by the City of Norfolk to prioritize and invest in our schools. We recognize that the City must continually balance many important priorities and needs across our community. For that reason, the effort to create the potential for a steady, dedicated funding stream for school facilities is both significant and deeply appreciated.

We also recognize that any discussion of additional taxes is understandably challenging. At the same time, a one-percent sales tax may represent one of the most practical and broadly shared ways to support this work in a city like Norfolk, where the responsibility for investing in our schools can be shared not only by residents, but also by those who visit, work, shop, and spend time in our community.

Our schools are among Norfolk's most important public institutions. They are where our children learn and grow, where our educators serve, and where families and communities come together. Many of our facilities have significant capital needs, and addressing those needs will require a long-term commitment and continued partnership between Norfolk Public Schools, the City, and our community.

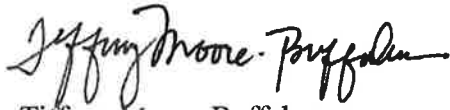
Perhaps most importantly, Norfolk Public Schools understand that we have work to do between now and November. Our responsibility is to help create clarity for our community about our facility needs and some of the ways this potential investment could impact our schools and, ultimately, our students, families, and neighborhoods.

We are committed to working closely with the City throughout the coming months to ensure consistency, transparency, and clarity in the information shared with our community. That collaboration must extend well beyond November as we continue working together to thoughtfully plan for and invest in the future of Norfolk's schools.

We are grateful to the Mayor and members of City Council for their continued partnership, for their longstanding commitment to our schools, and for providing Norfolk citizens with the opportunity to consider this important investment in our shared future.

Strong schools and a strong city are inseparable. We look forward to continuing this work together.

Respectfully,

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Tiffany Moore-Buffaloe
Chair, Norfolk School Board

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Dr. Jeff Rose
Superintendent of Schools