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Dear Superintendent Kamras and Board Chair Rizzi:

As the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, it has come to my attention that the Richmond City School Board (RCSB) is not in compliance with satisfying the annual school board training requirements with the Virginia School Board Association (VSBA), as outlined in the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement between the Virginia Board of Education (the Board) and Richmond City School Board. This letter is to notify you of the RCSB's standing relative to this requirement and to request the board's attention to fulfill its annual professional development/training requirements.

Annual School Board and Superintendent Training Requirement

The Richmond Public School (RPS) MOU states on page 5, item #10, in part, "All members of the Richmond City School Board and the Division Superintendent will participate at a minimum annually in board and superintendent professional development provided by the Virginia School Board Association (VSBA) which focuses on their respective roles and responsibilities for school improvement (or for improving student achievement in challenged schools.)"

Revision of this training requirement requires review and approval by the Board. The RCSB may submit official written communication to the Board or plan to appear before the Board, as requested, regarding a change or modification.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Coons".

Lisa Coons, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Public Instruction