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The Honorable Ralph S. Northam
Governor of Virginia
P.O. Box 1475
Richmond, Virginia 23218

Dear Governor Northam:

I am writing on behalf of the Virginia Association of School Superintendents (VASS) to respectfully request that you submit an amendment to HB30, Item 145 #17c regarding Infrastructure and Operations Per Pupil Funds and the use of Lottery Proceeds Funds for K-12 public education. VASS members are concerned that the language in this particular budget item would impose an undue burden on local school divisions that are already struggling to meet their K-12 responsibilities by requiring local matching funds to receive the Lottery Proceeds Funds.

VASS is requesting that you strike the language under 36.a, beginning with "Beginning in the second year" through "2018-20 biennial Standards of Quality expenditure data were used." VASS is also requesting that you strike the second sentence of 36.b. The language, as it currently stands in both sections, requires a local funding match whereas there is currently no such requirement.

VASS appreciates your support of public K-12 education and the State's need to restore state funding for K-12 since the great Recession. Localities are still struggling with the effects of policies undertaken during that time frame to accommodate Virginia's financial well-being.

Your consideration of these requests will be very much appreciated. VASS looks forward to continuing to work with you and your team in making Virginia the strongest it can be.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Howard B. Kiser". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Howard B. Kiser (Ben)
VASS Executive Director