

INTRODUCED: July 17, 2017

A RESOLUTION No. 2017-R

To express the Council’s support for the “first stage” of an “education compact.”

Patron – Vice President Newbille

Approved as to form and legality
by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING:

AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 2017-R005, adopted January 23, 2017, the Council of the City of Richmond expressed its support for the proposed development of an “education compact” among all Richmond elected officials as a shared framework for establishing goals, metrics for success and accountability, and a shared strategy for identifying and meeting the needs of the school division’s students and families inside and outside of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, by a letter dated February 16, 2017, addressed to the members of the Council and the members of the School Board of the City of Richmond, the Mayor of the City of Richmond proposed a draft “education compact” calling for a shared commitment to (i) organizational collaboration, (ii) transformational improvement in academic progress and improving the lives of children outside of the classroom through support services and poverty

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reduction, and (iii) development of a resource strategy allowing the City and the school division to achieve these shared goals; and

WHEREAS, the Council now desires to express its support for the “first stage” of an “education compact;”

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That the Council expresses its support for the “first stage” of an “education compact” that provides for all of the following:

1. A meeting, recorded by audiovisual means and posted on the internet with meeting summaries in English and Spanish, held each quarter between the Council and the School Board concerning issues of mutual concern with respect to the education needs and other needs of children and families in Richmond, attended by the Mayor and the Superintendent, or their designees, as well as appropriate administrative staff from the City and the school division.

2. An advisory “education compact team” that (i) is established by the Mayor in accordance with Chapter 2, Article V, Division 2 of the Code of the City of Richmond (2015), as amended, (ii) holds a monthly meeting after 5:00 p.m. that is recorded by audiovisual means and posted on the internet with meeting summaries in English and Spanish, and (iii) consists of:

- a. Three members of the Council appointed by the President of the Council.
- b. Three members of the School Board appointed by the School Board.
- c. Two members of the administrative leadership of the City, appointed by the Mayor.
- d. Two members of the administrative leadership of the school division, appointed by the Superintendent.

e. Up to six members representing the state government and the business, philanthropic, nonprofit, civic, and academic communities of the city, appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the President of the Council, the Vice President of the Council, the Chairman of the School Board, and the Vice Chairman of the School Board.

f. Up to six members who are parents of students in the school division, teachers or staff members employed by the School Board, or students in the school division, appointed by the School Board.

3. A regular meeting between representatives of City agencies whose operations directly affect children and families and representatives of the school division to facilitate improved communication, to identify opportunities for productive collaboration, and to implement various projects and initiatives.