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The Honorable Dwight Jones,  
Mayor  
City of Richmond  
900 E. Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

The Honorable Charles Samuels  
President  
Richmond City Council  
900 E. Broad Street  
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Mayor Jones & President Samuels:

As you know, Richmond Public Schools administration presented the School Board with a re-prioritized list of immediate facility needs on August 7, 2014. While these are not new items, the list includes HVAC, roof and health & safety issues within our school buildings that could fail within the next 12 months. We appreciate the presence of your representatives at that meeting. Since then, the Board has approved the re-prioritized list so that our administration has the ability to respond quickly to the urgent needs of our schools.

In a continuing effort to keep the lines of communication open, we write to provide an update on our capital spending. To date, RPS has spent nearly \$3 million of the allotted \$7.7 million Capital Improvement funds for FY2015. The overall priority needs list totals \$35 million. We have attached the total list for your information. We have also attached the latest expenditures to date.

The Board seeks guidance from both the Mayor's office and City Council on recommendations for a process we can follow if our immediate facility needs exceed the money we have been allocated for CIP this year. Although it is not ideal, we do have one vacant school we can utilize should the need arise, but the capacity would not be able to accommodate a major site failure at one of our larger middle or high schools. For the sake of consistency in our students' academic

experience, we need to ensure there is a back-up plan to access additional funds should we need them.

We are committed to collaborating with the city to provide every child and teacher with an environment that is safe and sound. RPS administration and board members are available to brief council or the mayor, as requested.

We look forward to your guidance and feedback on this issue. Thank you for your dedication to Richmond Public Schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donald L. Coleman". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Donald Coleman

c: City Council Members  
RPS Board Members  
City Council Clerk  
School Board Clerk















## RPS CIP - 2015 Re-Prioritized Budget

	Location	Description	Costs	Notes
13	Marshall	Cafeteria	160,000	
14	Open High	All Areas (flat)	175,000	
15	Reid	All Areas (flat)	1,000,000	
16	Thompson	Roof Replacement	240,000	
17	Westover Hills	Roof Replacement	640,000	
18	Woodville	Cafetorium Roof Replacement	100,000	
				<b>18</b>
	<b>LIFE, HEALTH, &amp; SAFETY</b>			
1	Binford	Basement Dampness Design/Const	275,000	
2	District-Wide	Security Upgrades-Door Hardware	50,000	
3	District-Wide	Asbestos Management Plan	229,900	
4	Elkhardt	Basement Dampness Design/Const	275,000	
5	Fairfield	Environmental Improvements	70,000	
6	Fox	Structural Roof Repairs	121,000	
7	Ginter Park	Basement Classroom Dampness/Mold Remediation	750,000	
8	Hill	Basement Dampness Design/Const	275,000	
9	Jefferson	Basement Dampness Design/Const	275,000	
10	Marshall	Structural Wall (Courtyard)	150,000	
11	Mason	Basement Dampness Design/Const	275,000	
12	Open High	Basement Dampness Design/Const	275,000	
13	Stuart	Basement Dampness Design/Const	275,000	
14	Swansboro	Basement Classroom Dampness/Mold Remediation	750,000	
15	Thompson	Replace Exterior Steps / drainage@ Bus Entrance	35,000	
=	Mary Scott	Asbestos Abatement & Floor Tile Replacement	31,309	
18	Reid	Asbestos Abatement & Floor Tile Replacement	4,777	
19	Overby-Sheppard	Install Pump/Pit/Foundation Drainage Gymnatorium	75,000	
20	Richmond Alternative	Structural Design & Repair/Const Overpass	60,000	
				<b>19</b>
			<b>\$ 31,486,220</b>	
		<b>Total Projects =</b>	<b>135</b>	
		Complete		
		From 2015 Budget		
		From Emergency Project List		
		Under Construction/PO Issued		
		Pending Purchase Order Approval		
		Not Started		