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Mr. Steve Dozier, Superintendent
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Mr. Tom Thrower, Superintendent
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RE: Senate Resolution No. 146

Gentlemen:

I am attaching a copy of the above referenced resolution. It references certain "emergency funds" provided to your district through the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP). You have been and will continue to be provided one-twelfth of the amount of the emergency funds allocated to your district in the MFP during this fiscal year.

The resolution states that these funds should be deposited in a separate account and may only be used for repair and renovation of existing buildings or the construction of new buildings for the purpose of school consolidation. It further states that the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) "require the school boards in these two parishes to use these additional funds in a manner and for the purposes approved by the state board."

Therefore, I would request that you discuss the use of this money with your local board and present a plan for expenditure to me for presentation to BESE. In addition to identifying the repairs and/or new construction, include a projected time frame for planning, presentation to a federal court, if required by any active desegregation litigation, bids, start of construction and completion. Additionally, include a projected detailed budget.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Pastorek", written over a large, stylized "P" that serves as a signature element.

Paul G. Pastorek
State Superintendent of Education

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c: Ollie S. Tyler, Deputy Superintendent of Education

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