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To Stephen Geisbrecht, Borough Manager
Petersburg Assembly Members

Cc: Jody Tow, Finance Director

From: Erica Kludt-Painter, Superintendent

Re: CARES Act Funding Request

Mr. Geisbrecht and Petersburg Assembly Members:

Thank you for all of the work you are doing during this stressful time. It is much appreciated! I am writing to make a formal request for CARES Act Funding through the Borough as we continue with our planning efforts for re-opening school in the Fall of 2020.

The current COVID risk level in Petersburg is in line with the low/medium risk level described by the Department of Education and Department of Health and Social Services for our school district. The guiding principles for our "Smart Start 2020" planning team are:

- *Health and safety of students and staff
- *Robust learning environment for all students
- *Flexibility and consistency in plans to accommodate changes in risk levels and mode of instruction

Our community and staff support as much in-person education as possible in the Petersburg School District, in accordance with CDC, DHSS, and Department of Education guidelines. Our district also has a responsibility to provide a robust virtual/remote learning opportunity for students, should the risk level change. Both of

these scenarios require additional staff to provide instruction, support for special needs students, and implement additional cleaning/disinfecting services. Both of these scenarios also require additional technology equipment, remote learning solutions, cleaning solutions/equipment, and hygiene supplies. In order to accomplish these important goals for our students and families during this unprecedented time, we are making the following financial requests:

\$355,000 for additional teaching staff and paraprofessionals in all buildings, as well as additional custodial staff

\$35,000 for additional work days for the administrative planning team during the summer

\$40,000 for Virtual Academy program

\$15,000 for additional single desks

\$45,000 for items used in areas of congregation (i.e. cones, plexiglass, etc.)

\$55,000 for touchless dispensers and faucets in classrooms, bathrooms, and hallways

\$45,000 for hand sanitizing supplies and cleaning supplies

\$10,000 for PPE for staff and students, as needed

\$26,000 for additional technology equipment/needs for expanded classroom settings

\$36,000 for microphone systems and media connectors for remote learning

\$10,000 for portable handwashing stations and bottle filling stations

\$11,000 for PE for non-contact and outdoor activities

\$20,000 for food service equipment

\$75,000 for additional bus transportation needs

This CARES Act request for \$778,000 is necessary to support the smaller cohort class sizes in accordance with CDC guidance, as well as the equipment and staffing necessary to support the Virtual and Remote learning opportunities for our students.

This funding is critical to providing educational opportunities for ALL Petersburg students in a safe, equitable manner.

Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Erica Kludt-Painter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erica Kludt-Painter