



Richmond Public Schools

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Mark A. Olinger, Director
City of Richmond
Department of Planning & Development Review
900 E. Broad Street, Room 511
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Dear Mr. Olinger:

On April 30, 2018, the Richmond Public Schools School Board approved the transfer of four acres of land from around Overby-Sheppard to the City to be used for the Highland Grove project in exchange for various upgrades to the Overby-Sheppard school site. Those upgrades, which were to be fully funded and separate from any regular appropriation would be covered by the City of Richmond, RRHA, or the developer include:

- The construction of a new parking lot, with a minimum of 78 parking spaces;
- The construction of a new playground, with equipment suitable for lower and upper elementary children;
- The construction of a new multi-purpose recreation field suitable for a variety of athletic and community events;
- A complete feasibility site study, inclusive of geological soil testing, of the area designated for a two-story addition to the school to accommodate any future enrollment increase;
- Any and all site modifications necessary to accommodate the items listed above, inclusive of ADA requirements; and
- A good faith effort to ensure no impact on the instructional program at Overby-Sheppard during the site work.

RPS stands by the commitment to surplus the land to the City for the Highland Grove project provided the agreed upon upgrades are performed.

Sincerely,

Darin D. Simmons, Jr.
Chief Operating Officer
The School Board of the City of Richmond

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