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October 24, 2019

The Honorable Stephen D. Newman
Senate of Virginia
Chair, Senate Education and Health Committee
Pocahontas Building, Room No: E604
900 East Main Street
Richmond, Virginia 23218

The Honorable Susan Clarke Schaar
Clerk of the Senate
P.O. Box 396
Richmond, Virginia 232318

Dear Senator Newman and Mrs. Schaar:

I am writing in response to the March 20, 2019 letter referring the subject matter contained in Senate Bill 1223 to the Board of Education for study. I understand that the bill was passed by indefinitely, but the matter was referred pursuant to Senate Rule 20(o), which allows a Senate committee to request comment on the subject matter of a bill or resolution.

The Board of Education has no comment on Senate Bill 1223. Determination of school calendars has been a matter of local control, subject to state law. The proposed bill does not relate to educational policy or the other powers and duties of the Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel A. Gecker".

Daniel A. Gecker
President

Cc: The Honorable Amanda F. Chase, Patron of SB1223
Mark Vucci, Director, Division of Legislative Services