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Dear Mayor Fleming and Honorable City Council Members,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to ensure that the Valdez City Council and Mayor are fully aware of the Valdez City School District's position regarding the proposed childcare facility within school district buildings.

On December 9, 2024, the Valdez School Board held a work session with the superintendent and staff from HHES, during which we discussed the potential for the city's childcare facility to be housed within the elementary building. During this session, we shared our concerns about the feasibility of utilizing the HHES building, particularly the significant costs associated with the required remodel and the unrealistic timeline to meet both the city's and the district's needs.

As a potential compromise, the school board and staff expressed our support for relocating the childcare facility to the district office building instead, should the city decide to proceed with the project on VCS grounds. We believe this location would better accommodate the project's requirements and avoid impacting our core educational spaces.

Following our discussion, Nate Duval from the city reached out to the superintendent for further clarification. He inquired about potential displacements if the project were to move to the district office building, including where current offices could be relocated at HHES, and the expected footprint of the move. Nate also took measurements of the district office and indicated he would follow up after consulting with the architect and the city's planning team.

As of today, we have not yet received any additional updates on the next steps for the childcare project. As we move forward, we would appreciate a clear understanding of the city's plans and timelines for the project. Additionally, we want to ensure that both the Mayor and the City Council are aware that the district office building is the space we are prepared to allocate to support the development of the childcare facility.

We look forward to continued collaboration and appreciate Nate's involvement in our meetings thus far. Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we appreciate your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Jason Weber  
VCS Superintendent

Kalin King  
VCS Board President