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Dear Mr. Mallory:

Thank you for our conversation last week regarding the timeframe for DAS and other state action regarding the SERC relocation and additional space offered by the SDE in one of its vocational educational schools. SERC is especially appreciative of the ongoing assistance your office has provided during the past 3 years—Mr. Pysh has been exceptional in helping us negotiate new processes and their application to us procuring the facilities we require. We are pleased at recent notifications that DAS conditions regarding renovations at the Waterbury site are resolved and that leasing efforts are proceeding.

Given that SERC's primary responsibility is to provide professional development for the state's 35,000 teachers, re-establishing permanent cost-effective facilities, after 5 years of unexpected displacement, is fundamental to the SERC Board's fiduciary responsibility to establish a sound fiscal infrastructure and budgets consistent with its legislative obligations. As you can appreciate, operational space is one of the primary cost centers we monitor and seek to control. I am therefore asking for your best response to the following: 1. Please provide the SERC Board a schedule of the remaining signoffs and approvals leading to an approved facilities contract with the Naugatuck Valley Development Corporation. 2. How soon can the space in a vocational school, offered by the SDE, our agency of cognizance, be available for SERC's use—in an as is state or, with renovations?

If there is anything I can do, as the Governor's appointed Chairman of the SERC Board of Directors or, as State Board Education representative to the SERC Board to expedite the timelines you identify, please let me know; these responses are vital to our 2020-2021 budgeting process. Again, thank you for your attention to SERC and your ongoing advice and assistance.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



George A. Coleman, Chairman
SERC Board of Directors

Cc: Tom Pysh, Property Agent II, Leasing and Property Transfer, CT Department of Administrative Services

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