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Dear Citizens,

Due to the recent tragic shootings at high schools in Florida and most recently in Maryland, there has been great interest in how we are responding to these potential threats in Isle of Wight County. Thankfully, our School System has been working on this issue for the past year. The School Board and Superintendent presented a list of proposed physical changes to buildings and technology upgrades to the Board of Supervisors at their last meeting totaling over \$800,000. They were also able to pay for these changes and upgrades with savings from recent roofing projects. After discussion, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the request from the School Board.

In addition to that action, the Board of Supervisors approved the creation of a Task Force to be comprised of the School System, Sheriff's Department, Smithfield Police, Windsor Police, Emergency Services, and others to review all the steps that are being taken and any other actions that are necessary to keep our children and staff safe. The first meeting will be convened next week.

The County and the Town of Smithfield recently agreed in principal on a long-delayed Boundary Line Adjustment that will allow the Town to add property at the intersection of Battery Park Rd. and Nike Park Rd. to the Town limits. This property is part of a larger development planned by the owner of property that is already in the Town limits. The Boundary Line Adjustment is also part of a broader agreement for the Town to begin purchasing water from the County along Route 10 which will allow the Town to grow in other areas and have additional water resources.

These agreements also recognize the fact that what is good for our towns is also good for the County. Working together enables all of us to be stronger and more efficient in our delivery of services to our citizens.

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