

# **Vicksburg Catholic School**

**St. Aloysius / St. Francis Xavier  
Vicksburg, MS 39183**

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**April 5, 2018**

**Mr. Alex Monsour, Alderman  
City of Vicksburg  
1401 walnut Street  
Vicksburg, MS 39180**

**Dear Alex,**

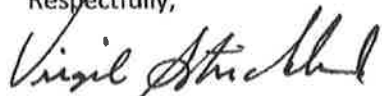
**Let me express both for Mike Jones and for myself our appreciation for the opportunity to meet with you and share with you Vicksburg Catholic School's plans for our expansion of early childhood/daycare opportunities. We believe that this expansion will provide unmatched early learning opportunities for 100 children and will greatly impact educational opportunities for both children and families for years to come.**

**Know that we at Vicksburg Catholic School share the vision of the City of Vicksburg Mayor and Aldermen to create a community that affords a better quality of life for its citizens and becomes a mecca for technology, tourism, and economic development. We are prepared as an education community to support those endeavors and others that lead to greater opportunities for our citizens. Currently, VCS offers early childhood education and daycare to limited numbers of students in a pre-school environment. As you are aware, we are expanding our early childhood learning and daycare to afford greater access both to more students and to students as young as six weeks. As stated previously, our plans are to expand access to as many as 100 students more than we presently serve and to serve students at an earlier age.**

**It is our sincere hope that the City of Vicksburg will recognize the importance of this early learning/daycare center to the future growth of our community and will support our efforts both in endorsing our efforts and by making a financial commitment to this expansion of early learning opportunities for the children in Vicksburg. Know that this donation would be leveraged and matched with funds from other donors who view this as a vital component to improving the quality of life for our citizens.**

We look forward to partnering with the city to move Vicksburg forward and to meet the challenges of the future. We sincerely hope that city government will see merit in our proposal and will provide a monetary commitment to our project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Virgil Strickland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Virgil Strickland, Ph.D.  
Principal