

October 15, 2019

Jasiel Correia II, Mayor
One Government Center
Fall River, MA 02722

Good Morning Mayor Correia,

I learned yesterday, of your plans to make a “significant announcement” concerning your re-election campaign and the future of the City of Fall River”, through media reports. The media outlets reported that a press release was sent with the announcement just before 4pm.

I am writing you to express my concerns, not about your announcement to take a leave from the office of Mayor and to suspend your re-election campaign, but the venue you have chosen. Your choice to stage this announcement with the new BMC Durfee High School construction as the backdrop is inappropriate. Let me remind you that today is scheduled school day and the 2300 students and staff at the high school should not be distracted by your political theatre. Your choice of venue, although symbolic and self- serving was done with no consultation with the School Committee or Superintendent of Schools. The School Committee has conducted the business of the students, teachers, and staff without distraction despite your personal legal troubles.

I am asking as the Vice Chairman of the School Committee, you reconsider using the new BMC Durfee High School construction site for your “significant announcement”. A more appropriate setting would be at Government Center where a majority of press conferences have occurred in your tenure. Using the new BMC Durfee High School site for your personal gain without regard for the students and faculty is wrong.

Sincerely,

Mark Costa
Vice Chairman
Fall River School Committee