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DESCRIPTION UNIT PRICE AMOUNT

Kentucky School Boards Association Membership dues for the period of July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013.

4,211.90

\*\*\* A detailed explanation was provided to your superintendent.

We appreciate your district's membership in KSBA and look forward to answering any questions you may have.

For questions regarding this invoice, please contact Steve Smith or Leah Herrera at (502) 695-4630.

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Mr. Charles Adams, Superintendent Spencer County Schools 207 West Main Street Taylorsville, KY 40071

Dear Superintendent Adams:

I sincerely hope this correspondence finds you wrapping up a successful 2011-12 school year, and I know that you are well into the critical planning for the upcoming year.

Enclosed please find an invoice for your district's 2012-13 membership in your Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA). Well aware of the fiscal challenges facing district leaders, I'm pleased to inform you that your KSBA leadership has determined to hold dues unchanged for a fifth consecutive year. We know KSBA dues represent a minor aspect of district expenses, but we also believe your association must make ends meet and maintain quality services without seeking additional member revenues at this time.

Now in its 76th year of service, KSBA strives to provide district leaders and staff with training, research, information and influence to support quality education for Kentucky's children and effective management of our state's public schools. To that end, I offer a brief reminder of just a few of the benefits that KSBA membership involves:

- Legal services (including consultation) While fielding at least 50 calls a week from superintendents, board members and district staff, KSBA's legal team of John Fogle and Teresa Combs are involved in many other efforts to protect our members' rights. Two amicus briefs were filed to protect the board's right to assign students to specific schools and to preserve the board's right to choose which schools will provide specific student health services. They also were instrumental in other forms of advocacy such as helping successfully clarify an Attorney General's opinion to allow more flexibility in the assignment of principals' relatives to schools.
- Governmental relations (lobbying) Year-round lobbying: While the legislative session lasts only 30 or 60 days, your governmental relations team represented you throughout the year. For instance, the proposed accountability regulation called for districts to pay fees to join AdvanceEd to be eligible to receive the highest academic classification. Based on your input, we worked with KDE and the KBE to remove this mandate.

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<u>Between legislative sessions:</u> we provided testimony and information to legislators on topics ranging from charter schools and teacher tribunals to funding issues.

<u>Protecting local control:</u> KSBA protected local boards' authority to draw school attendance lines by opposing the neighborhood schools bill. We also helped defeat a bill that would have required local governments to bid insurance on an annual basis despite its classification as a professional service.

<u>Budget negotiations</u> - During the interim, staff worked to make sure that the best SEEK estimates were used to build the FY 13 budget to help reduce the chances of a midyear shortfall. We also helped to ensure greater flexibility through budget language including the ability to use capital funds for general fund expenses. Finally we worked closely with key legislators to ensure budget and calendar relief for those districts impacted by the spring tornados.

• Member support (including communications) – Your association is committed to ensuring that local leaders are as well informed as education leaders anywhere in the U.S. One day, the source may be the Kentucky School Advocate magazine, which last year included 95 districts in articles and more than 100 districts in features such as People Are Talking. Another day, it may be the Boardcast electronic newsletter that gives updates from KSBA, KDE, NSBA and other resources on programs and services for schools. Most districts stay in the know through access to the eNews Headline Service. And expert consultation from our staff with more than 80 years' communications experience is just a phone call away, 24/7.

In closing, permit me to offer a personal note of appreciation for your work for your students. These are difficult times that require exceptional leadership to maintain quality teaching and learning with increasingly limited resources as well as higher expectations and standards. You are making contributions that will benefit the people of our state for generations to come.

Should you have any questions about the enclosed invoice, please contact me or Chief Financial Officer Steve Smith at 800-372-2962. And of course at any time I may be off assistance, please don't hesitate to reach me directly.

Sincerely yours,

William G. Scott Executive Director

pc: Finance Director (original invoice)
Board Chairperson (copy of invoice)