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Jim Hamm, KDE State Manager
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Dear Jim:

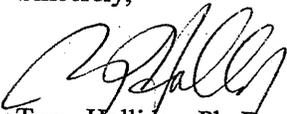
I received your letter of March 7, 2013 indicating that the budget crisis at Monticello Independent School District cannot be resolved. While I commend the efforts of all who have worked so hard to try to find a solution, I am in complete agreement that the financial insolvency requires Monticello to approach merger with Wayne County. I approve your decision to develop a merger proposal and present it to the Wayne County Board of Education as soon as possible.

In order to assist you in getting a prompt response to any questions about merger, we have identified specific individuals in each program area at the Department, who can coordinate with their respective areas and get you feedback on items of concern as they arise. Contact information for all these individuals is located in the global e-mail directory:

<i>Legal:</i>	Amy Peabody
<i>District Operations:</i>	Kay Kennedy
<i>Technology:</i>	Mike Leadingham
<i>Priority Schools:</i>	Susan Allred
<i>Accountability:</i>	Ken Draut
<i>Curriculum and Instruction:</i>	Christine Duke
<i>Career and Technical Education:</i>	Laura Arnold

In addition, please feel free to contact Hiren Desai, Kay Kennedy, or Susan Allred on anything else you may need.

Sincerely,


Terry Holliday, Ph. D.

cc: KDE Associate Commissioners
Amy Peabody
Kay Kennedy
Mike Leadingham
Christine Duke
Laura Arnold