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September 23, 2013

Board Chair Sally Fooks  
Robertson County School District  
Rt. 2, Box 188, Mt. Olivet 41064

Superintendent Chuck Brown  
Robertson County School District  
Main Street  
P.O. Box 108  
Mt. Olivet, KY 41064

RE: Management Audit of Robertson County School District

Dear Board Chair Fooks and Superintendent Brown:

As you are aware, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) has been conducting a management audit of Robertson County school district, pursuant to KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785 and 703 KAR 3:205.

This management audit has concluded. A copy of the final report is attached.

Based upon the findings outlined in this report, it is clear that a pattern of a significant lack of efficiency and effectiveness in the governance and administration of the school district exists in multiple areas; however, it also appears that the local board is supportive of improvement and wants to adequately address such concerns, but feels it needs some outside help to do so effectively. Accordingly, in my official capacity as the chief state school officer, I will be recommending to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) that the Robertson County school district is designated a "state assisted" district.

Please note that, pursuant to KRS 158.785(6), a designation of "state assisted" means that KDE shall help the local district develop and implement a plan to correct the deficiencies identified. KDE shall also monitor compliance with this plan. If the plan is not being adequately developed or implemented, I may choose to move forward with a recommendation of "state managed" to the KBE in the future.

Pursuant to KRS 158.785(4) and 702 KAR 3:205, Section 4, the Robertson County Board of Education has the right to request a public hearing before the KBE, before a final designation of "state assisted" is adopted. The local board may also waive the right to this public hearing.



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**I am requesting that the Robertson County Board of Education respond to me by 4:30 p.m. EST on October 2, 2013, on whether it requests a public hearing or waives this right. Please complete the statement of action at the end of this letter and email a signed and scanned copy to my attention at [Terry.Holliday@education.ky.gov](mailto:Terry.Holliday@education.ky.gov).**

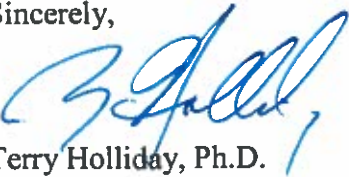
In the event a public hearing is requested, one will be scheduled with at least 20 days advance notice of the date of the hearing, in accordance with KRS 13B.050. In the event that the right to a public hearing is waived, I will bring this item before the KBE at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 8, 2013, for adoption.

Please keep in mind that a decision by the local board to either request or waive a hearing is considered a formal action by the local board and requires an official board meeting. In addition, any special or emergency board meeting scheduled to make this decision must be conducted in accordance with Kentucky's open meetings law (KRS 61.823).

Thank you in advance for a prompt response. I do not make this important recommendation lightly; however, it is absolutely critical and necessary in order to meet the educational needs of the children in Robertson County.

If you have any questions, Associate Commissioner Kelly Foster may be reached at 502-564-5130 and Associate Commissioner Hiren Desai may be reached at 502-564-1976.

Sincerely,



Terry Holliday, Ph.D.  
Commissioner of Education

Cc: Ms. Lisa Earlywine, Robertson County Board Member, Ward Ridge Rd., Mt. Olivet, Ky 41064  
Dr. John Burns, Robertson County Board Member, Blue Lick Pk., Mt. Olivet, Ky 41064  
Ms. Angela Knarr, Robertson County Board Member, Pea Ridge Rd., Germantown, Ky 41044  
KDE Associate Commissioners

Attachments

**STATEMENT OF ACTION BY ROBERTSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**WAIVE RIGHT TO A HEARING:**

The Robertson County Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the Commissioner's recommendation to declare the district "state assisted ". The Robertson County Board of Education states that it accepts the Commissioner's recommendation and waives its right to a hearing before the Kentucky Board of Education in accordance with KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785 and 703 KAR 3:205.

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Board Chair, on behalf of  
Robertson County Board of Education

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Date

**REQUEST RIGHT TO A HEARING:**

The Robertson County Board of Education hereby acknowledges receipt of the Commissioner's recommendation to declare the district "state assisted". The Robertson County Board of Education states that it does not accept the Commissioner's recommendation and requests a hearing to be conducted in compliance with KRS Chapter 13B before the Kentucky Board of Education in accordance with KRS 158.780, KRS 158.785 and 703 KAR 3:205.

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Board Chair, on behalf of  
Robertson County Board of Education

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Date

