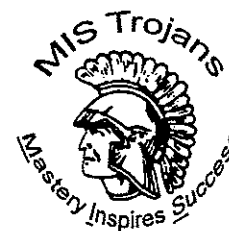


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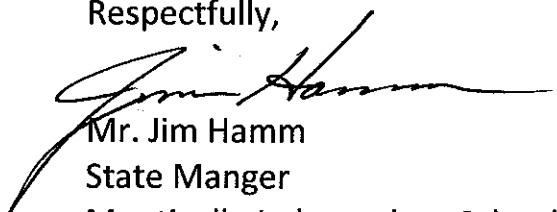
March 7, 2013

Terry Holliday, PH.D.  
Commissioner of Education  
Capital Plaza Tower  
500 Mero Street  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

Dear Commissioner Holliday,

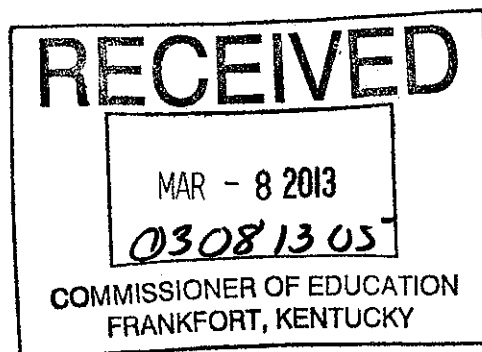
As state manager of the Monticello Independent School District, I have been given the charge of creating a balanced budget for the 2013-14 school year. After many discussions with state and district financial advisors, I have come to the conclusion that it is impossible to create a budget that will not adversely affect the students of Monticello Independent Schools and their ability to become college and/or career ready. Therefore, it is my intent to inform the Monticello Independent Board of Education at its meeting on March 18, 2013, that I will recommend to the Commissioner of Education that the Monticello Independent School District merge with the Wayne County School District. If you are in agreement with the merger, I will develop a merger proposal in collaboration with both KDE and Monticello staff to present to the Wayne County Board of Education at their April meeting.

Respectfully,



Mr. Jim Hamm  
State Manger

Monticello Independent Schools



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