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June 18, 2014

Mr. Roger L. Marcum, Chair  
Kentucky Board of Education  
500 Mero Street, First Floor  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601

**Re: Recommendation regarding the equality of the Scott County School District divisions**

Dear Chair Marcum:

Pursuant to KRS 160.210(4), a petition with more than one hundred (100) residents' signatures was provided to the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) stating that the Scott County School District divisions are not divided as nearly equal in population as can reasonably be expected. As required by this statute, I have conducted an investigation into the validity of the petition and can report that the petition is valid under the statute. My gratitude goes to the local county clerk, Rebecca M. Johnson, for her assistance in this investigation.

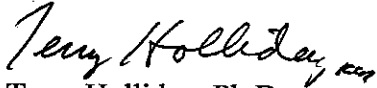
The investigation of the equality of the school district divisions relied upon the enclosed evidence provided by Ms. Johnson and prepared by the Georgetown-Scott County Planning Commission. Ms. Johnson relayed that the enclosed maps "show the **CURRENT** school board districts with a chart indicating the population of each district; one map is a full county view, while the other is a magnified view of the city." As demonstrated by these maps, the population of the Scott County School District divisions is as follows:

School District 1: 12,706  
School District 2: 11,742  
School District 3: 11,114  
School District 4: 6,931  
School District 5: 4,671  
Total population for the entire Scott County School District: 47,164

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Based on this evidence, it is my conclusion that the school district divisions of the Scott County School District are unequally divided at this time. Accordingly, it is my recommendation, as chief state school officer, that the KBE at its August 2014 meeting "order the local board of education to make changes in school district divisions as are necessary to equalize the population within the five (5) school divisions." The local board of education is not prevented from proceeding to address this issue prior to action by the KBE in August.

Sincerely,

  
Terry Holliday, Ph.D.

Enclosure

cc: KBE Members  
Karen Timmel, Acting Executive Director, Office of Education Accountability  
Kevin C. Brown, Associate Commissioner and General Counsel, KDE  
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Roger Ward, Chair, Scott County Board of Education  
Rebecca Sams, Scott County Board of Education  
Jennifer Holbert, Scott County Board of Education  
Jo Anna Fryman, Scott County Board of Education  
Haley Conway, Scott County Board of Education  
Patty Putty, Superintendent, Scott County School District  
Robert Chenoweth, Attorney, Scott County Board of Education  
Brad Sr. and Carole Landry, Petitioners  
Rebecca M. Johnson, Scott County Clerk

**District 4**  
**Population 6,931**

**District 1**  
**Population 12,706**

**Boydton**  
**Population**

