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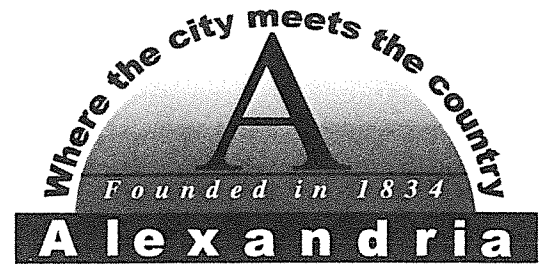
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To: Superintendents, Board of Education Members of Campbell County, Dayton, Bellevue, Ft. Thomas, Southgate, Silver Grove, and Newport School Systems, Mayors of Dayton, Bellevue, Ft. Thomas, Southgate, Silver Grove, and Newport, and Campbell County Fiscal Court

Subject: Put City Egos Aside – Do It for Our Children

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I read the article "Schools in Campbell County Earn High Testing Marks" in the October 8, 2015 Campbell County Recorder with great interest. Unfortunately, what I learned was a little good news and a lot of bad news for many of our area school children.

While Ft. Thomas Independent rated #1 and Campbell County Schools rated #21 in the Kentucky Department of Education School Report Cards for 2014-15 year for the 173 public school districts our county small districts were dismal failures: Dayton (#125), Bellevue (#155), Southgate (#158) Silver Grove (#162) and Newport (#172).

I urge everyone in a leadership capacity in these school systems and cities or who is a tax paying resident of these jurisdictions to seek a satisfactory solution to this problem. I suggest we form a countywide task force to identify best practices to develop solutions that best serve our children. Don't we owe them a good education? One of the major factors in a person's long term success in life is their quality of education. I believe this is an opportunity to significantly improve the quality of education for many of our county's children so I ask that everyone put aside city egos for the benefit of our children. After all, our children are our future!!!

Sincerely,

Bill Rachford
Alexandria Mayor