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Via Electronic Mail Only

Mr. Leonard Whalen, Superintendent
Dawson Springs Independent School District
118 E. Arcadia Avenue
Dawson Springs, KY 42408

Re: Representation by English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, LLP

Dear Superintendent Whalen:

We typically write our clients annually to advise of our hourly rates for the upcoming year. While we would like to maintain our rates at their current level, the expenses associated with operating our firm necessitate a rate increase. We propose a modest increase of \$5 per hour effective July 1, 2021, and \$5 per hour beginning July 1, 2022. Enclosed is the fee summary of our charges.

It is a privilege to represent your board of education, and we value our relationship with you. We will continue to donate our time to the Kentucky School Boards Association, the Western Kentucky University/GRREC Law Conference and other related activities. We will also continue to provide the best service possible to your district as effectively and efficiently as we can.

We look forward to continuing to work with you for many years to come. Please feel free to contact us should you have questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, LLP

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Enclosure



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**SUMMARY OF FEES AND EXPENSES
2021-2022 and 2022-2023 School Years**

**TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE DAWSON SPRINGS INDEPENDENT
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing our firm to represent your interests. In maintaining our commitment to keep you advised, the following is an outline of the schedule of fees and expenses to be charged by English, Lucas, Priest & Owsley, LLP for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years. If you have any questions about the firm's billing practices, please contact our office.

FEES: The hourly rate charged depends on the nature of the work being performed and who is providing the service. Generally the rate will be higher for the more senior attorneys who have broader experience. Rates for partners effective July 1, 2021 will be \$230 per hour, rates for associates will range from \$175 to \$200 per hour, and time for paralegals or legal assistants will be billed at \$120 per hour.¹ Rates for partners effective July 1, 2022 will be \$235 per hour, rates for associates will range from \$180 to \$205 per hour, and time for paralegals or legal assistants will be billed at \$125 per hour. Statements are computerized and time is recorded to the nearest one-tenth of an hour. All statements reflect the initials of the timekeeper, description of the work performed, the amount of time (in .1 of an hour increments) for each entry. Detailed statements are sent to you monthly.

EXPENSES: Your statement will contain an itemization of expenses incurred on your behalf. Out-of-office reimbursable expenses include travel expenses, which may involve airfare (coach rate), mileage (at IRS approved rate, currently \$.575/mile), motel, meals, parking, photographs, outside copy service and related out-of-pocket expenses. Office expenses include express mail service, messenger service, staff overtime directly related to this matter, preparation of presentation or trial exhibits, rental value of audio-visual equipment, etc. Investigator and expert charges, court reporter charges for deposition transcripts and witness statements, etc. may be forwarded directly to you for payment or, at the option of the firm, paid and included in your statement. **No charge is made for postage, long distance telephone charges, in-house photocopies, or the expense of incoming or outgoing faxes.**

¹ In some highly specialized areas, such as environmental, etc., a higher rate may apply. In that event, a separate engagement letter will be submitted.