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December 28, 2012

Roger Hardin, Assistant Director
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VIA EMAIL to: Roger.Hardin@education.ohio.gov

Dear Mr. Hardin,

Because our current five-year forecast projects a negative unreserved fund balance (line 12.01 on the forecast) exceeding 2% of revenue beginning FY 14, I am submitting this written proposal outlining the district's plan for addressing the deficit.

The plan will include:

- The Galion City Board of Education will be asked to consider an operating levy resolution for the May 2013 ballot. Currently, one mill would generate \$159,398. The taxpayers were asked to consider an 8-mill combination levy in November 2012. This issue failed. The Board will need to consider the effect of the reevaluation that will reduce the tax collection from \$176,993 to the current amount of \$159,398 on each one mill of funds levied by taxpayers.
- Because rising healthcare benefits have contributed significantly to the deficit, we are working closely with the Wyandot Crawford Health Benefit Consortium for cost control measures. Considerations are being given to changes in plan benefits, claims control, and preventative care measures through an active Insurance Committee within the district.
- Contracts with the Galion Education Association will expire in August, 2013 and the OAPSE Local #370 will expire July, 2013. The board will actively seek concessions in both language and financial items to assist in offsetting the deficit. Both unions and the administration have taken base salary freezes and increased the employee healthcare contribution to ten percent.
- The Galion City School District administration is working closely with members of the state auditors office on a Performance Audit. This audit may provide additional insight into other cost-saving measures and improved efficiencies.
- Finally, the Board will be asked to make additional reductions in personnel and programs to address the fiscal deficit. District goals will need to be adjusted due to financial limitations. Previous reductions have included cuts in all personnel classifications, decreased student programs, and increased class size.

Please contact me at 419-468-3432 ext. 11001 with further questions or for additional information.

Sincerely,

Kathleen S. Jenney
Superintendent

Cc/ Terri Day, Galion City School Treasurer – VIA EMAIL
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January 3, 2013

Dr. Kathleen Jenney, Superintendent
Galion Local School District
470 Portland Way North
Galion, OH 44833

Dear Superintendent Jenney:

On December 28, 2012 the Ohio Department of Education received your district's financial proposal to eliminate the negative unreserved fund balance in Fiscal Year 2014 as shown on your current five year forecast.

As the district is currently engaged with the Auditor of State on a Performance Audit, it is expected that implementing recommended cost-saving measures and the passage of an operating levy in May 2013, the deficit can be avoided.

Plan is:

- ☒ Approved as submitted
- ☐ Not approved for the following reason:
- ☐ 30 day extension granted.

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Barbara Bechtel
(419) 635-6955

cc: Terri Day, Treasurer
Roger Hardin, Assistant Director, Finance Program Services