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North Jackson USD #335

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Members of the Board of Education:

We appreciated the invitation to meet with you offered by Ms Scoby to discuss a possible scenario to keep the Wetmore school open.

Let me first say that our desire is to see the Wetmore school be able to stay open and provide an education to their students. We clearly realize the negative impact that school closure has on a small community.

With that being said, our board has reached a consensus that we are unable to engage in the discussion of being the sponsoring district to keep the Wetmore school open at this time.

Should the unfortunate decision to close the Wetmore school be made, USD 335 is immediately able and willing to accept any students from the Wetmore school who would like to come into our district. We have ample classroom capacity to continue to provide Wetmore students with a learning environment that is small and personal.

If school closure at Wetmore is the ultimate decision that is made by your Board of Education, our Board of Education would like to meet to discuss the potential of transferring to USD 335 the property belonging to Wetmore school patrons whose students might choose to attend Jackson Heights.

This is clearly a very complex and difficult decision that you are making. It will make a significant impact on many students and families as well as a small rural community. We will await your decision.

Sincerely,



David R Allen, President USD 335 Board of Education

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