

June 30, 2014

Mr. Steve Whited, President
Calhoun County Board of Education
540 Alan B. Mollohan Drive
Mt. Zion, WV 26151-8500

Dear Mr. Whited:

This is to notify you that the proposed budget of the Calhoun County Board of Education for the 2014-15 year that was submitted for approval has been reviewed and found to be insufficient to maintain the proposed educational programs as well as other financial obligations of the county board of education for the year.

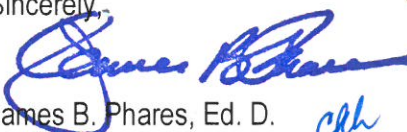
During the analysis, it was noted that student enrollment in the county has continued to decline, which of course affects the amount of state aid funding the school system receives, since state aid is based to a great extent on the number of students enrolled. Regardless of the situation, however, all local governmental entities in the State must operate within the revenues that they have available.

Consequently, under the authority of W. Va. Code 18-9B-8, the Calhoun County Board of Education is required to revise its proposed budget to reduce the projected salary costs of extended employment contracts by at least \$100,000. This is to be accomplished by reducing the number of extended employment days beyond the minimum employment term of 200 days for the 2014-15 year of as many personnel as necessary, exclusive of the superintendent and treasurer/chief school business official, to accomplish the desired cost reductions.

The revised budget is to be submitted to the Department of Education electronically as a budget revision request as soon as possible, but no later than July 31, 2014. Meanwhile, tentative approval of the Calhoun County Board of Education's proposed budget is hereby granted in order to enable the Calhoun County Board of Education to continue financial operations until this is accomplished.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office or Mr. Joe Panetta, Assistant Superintendent of the Division of Student Support Services, at 304-558-2691, if you have any questions or need additional guidance.

Sincerely,


James B. Phares, Ed. D. *clh*
State Superintendent of Schools

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Cc: Mr. Timothy Woodward, Superintendent
Mr. Dan Minney, Treasurer/CSBO