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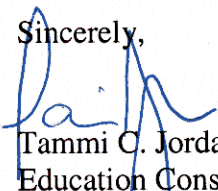
Dear Scott:

I hope this letter finds you and your family doing well. Enclosed is a copy of the 2003-2004 listing of non-chartered, non-tax supported schools in Ohio. Unlike homeschooling, non-chartered, non-tax supported schools have a date in which they must annually submit their letter to parents the Ohio Department of Education. In the past, I have taken it upon myself to "extend" the deadline for schools. As you would imagine, this caused many issues and I have ceased to do so.

There are a number of schools which certified with ODE for the 2002-2003 school year which did not submit letters this school year, as there are a number which have submitted letters since the September 30th date. All schools who submitted letters for 2002-2003 were sent reminder letters in August regarding the September 30th date. Schools who have submitted letters since September 30th have been sent letters informing them of the September 30th date. They were also encouraged to contact me to discuss options to comply with the compulsory attendance rules.

There is one other matter that I'd like to bring to your attention. According to OAC 3301-35-08 (G) *Pupil health and safety, each non-chartered, non-tax supported school shall comply with state and local health, fire, and safety laws.* According to Ohio Revised Code 3707.26 the board of health of a city or general health district is required to visit schools semi-annually. To my knowledge, non-chartered, non-tax supported schools have never been visited. Recently, I have been contacted by one health district inquiring about these schools. This county will begin visiting non-chartered, non-tax supported schools as required by law. I thought it may be necessary for your member families to understand that establishing non-chartered, non-tax supported schools permits their school buildings, in many cases their homes, to a visit from the health department.

Please contact me if you have additional questions or concerns at (614) 466- 7044.

Sincerely,

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