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Board of School Directors Warren County School District 6820 Market Street Russell, PA 16345

Dear Board of School Directors:

I have been asked to provide a letter of commitment for the 2016-2017 fiscal year for general legal services (we do not provide personnel/labor law or special education law services for the District). We are pleased to do so.

My hourly rate will be \$105.00 per hour; Andrea Stapleford's hourly rate will also be \$105.00 per hour; and Erika Mill's hourly rate will be \$95.00 per hour. Each of these rates is the same as last year, with no increase. You will be billed for disbursements and other charges relating to our professional services, such as filing fees, court reporter and expert witness fees, courier services, travel expenses, and business meals. Such charges may also include, but may not be limited to, overtime charges and computerized legal research. We generally do not bill you for photocopying, postage or long distance telephone charges. However, if your project requires unusually high numbers of copies, correspondence or calls, we will bill for the extraordinary portion.

It is our practice to render statements for professional services and related charges to the District on a monthly basis. We look for payment to be made within 25 days without regard to the consummation of any proposed transaction or the outcome of any matter. In the event that the statements are not timely paid, we reserve the right to suspend services until satisfactory payment arrangements are made or, if necessary, to terminate such services. A service fee of 1.5% per month will be added to overdue statements.

We will keep you informed as to the progress of your matters. Unless instructed otherwise, we will send copies of significant papers to the Superintendent and Board President. If you have any questions about our services or about the status of your matters, please feel free to contact us at any time.

We will regard this letter as our contract for services between our firm and the Warren County School District for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. If the foregoing terms are acceptable to you, please approve this agreement and acknowledge below.

Christopher M. Byham

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WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
By:Board President
Board Secretary
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