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Dear Board Members,

In collaborating with district administration it was identified that area students' needs would best be served by providing an Alternative Education system that offers two distinct tiers. Enclosed is a program description defining Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems' proposed Alternative Education Program, designed to be provided in conjunction with the existing WCSD Alternative Education Program.

The intent is to provide services to students whose behavior and actions preclude them from being eligible for the Warren County School District's Alternative Education Program. These students may display aggressive or criminal behavior, may have multiple placements within alternative education, or may require an enhanced level of behavioral and therapeutic interventions during the course of the academic day.

The program will incorporate a Master's level therapist available to provide individual, group and family therapy to those students requiring such interventions. There will be an enhanced focus on psycho-education and therapeutic groups, with the program exceeding the 2.5 hours per week of counseling services mandated by the state. Highly qualified, special education certified teachers will be available to provide core academics to all students. Students will also have available the opportunity to link with the district's Novanet system in order to ensure credit maintenance and recovery.

The program is designed to accommodate 10 students who are residing at the Youngsville Treatment Center. It is anticipated that all of these individuals will have permanent residence outside of the county, thereby allowing the WCSD the opportunity to directly invoice the home school district for these services. This will offset the total program cost to the district significantly.

Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems is interested in contracting with the district to provide these services for a minimum of 3 years. A full proposal including program description, budget, start up costs, and assumptions has been included for your review. Beacon Light Behavioral Health Systems will be required to complete the application process by December 31, 2009 in order for the program to be available for the 2010-2011 academic year.

Thank you for the opportunity to collaborate with the WCSD and enhance the continuum of services available to students within the county.

Respectfully Submitted,

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