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To Bluffs and Winchester Communities:

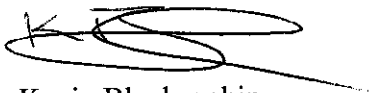
The Boards of Education representing the Bluffs and Winchester school districts approved a resolution this week to proceed with a school district reorganization feasibility study. The study will be conducted by Midwest School Consultants (MSC), a firm that has completed several of these studies across the state. The feasibility study is a tool to be used by the school districts to investigate the advantages and/or disadvantages of reorganization options. The Boards of Education will use the information, recommendations, and options to make informed decisions regarding any school district reorganization plans. To be clear, the Boards of Education have not made a decision regarding school district reorganization and will not make a decision prior to the completion of this feasibility study.

The study will be conducted over the next couple of months with a completion date around November 15, 2020. Upon completion of the study, MSC and its team will present their findings and recommendations to the Boards at a Joint Board meeting. During this meeting, MSC will also answer questions from the Boards and community. Some of the performance items included in the study are transportation, facilities, curriculum, finance, enrollment, staffing, assessment data, demographics, and extracurricular activities.

Over the course of the next few months, the school districts will work with and share information regarding our schools and community to assist MSC with the study. There will be times we may ask for community input through online surveys. It is our hope that we can collect as much information and input as possible to help the Boards make the most informed decisions.

If you have any questions, please contact me at the district office.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Blankenship', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Kevin Blankenship
Superintendent
Bluffs and Winchester School Districts