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Dear Superintendent Tate:

In an effort to reduce the burden on school districts, the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) began a consolidated monitoring program during school year 2011-2012. This effort combines required monitoring visits for state and federal programs in an intentional and concise timeframe.

During the 2012-2013 school year, the KDE conducted monitoring in Powell County School District. During the monitoring process, KDE program staff, utilizing program-specific monitoring tools, conducted on-site visits for the following programs:

- *Title I, Part A*
- *Title II, Part A*
- *Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA)*
- *Kentucky Preschool Program*
- *Alternative Programs*

Each program has provided, at minimum, a preliminary report of findings based on the visit. This document represents the consolidation of findings that were similar in nature and therefore present an opportunity for consolidation of effort among the programs. Program monitors have noted some of the effective practices identified during the monitoring visit. In addition, team members have provided recommendations for addressing any noted concerns. These are coupled with suggestions for potential opportunities to work across programs, streamline implementation and increase success within each.

It is our pleasure to suggest that practices that have been noted as effective be submitted to the KDE Best Practices website under School Improvement. To ensure that we are able to meet our goal of providing ongoing technical assistance for all programs monitored, we encourage you to utilize the Consolidated School and District Improvement Planning tools in ASSIST to track your efforts to address any common concerns noted by the team.

So that we may improve our consolidated monitoring process, each school and program that has been monitored will soon have the opportunity to provide feedback. If you have questions regarding specific program monitoring requirements, please contact the individual program contacts listed in this report. If you have questions concerning the consolidated monitoring process, please contact Claude W. Christian by email at claudio.christian@education.ky.gov or

by phone at (502)564-3791. Information regarding education programs within the state of Kentucky may also be found at education.ky.gov.

Thank you for your work in improving Kentucky's education programs to better provide for our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Claude W. Christian", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Claude W. Christian
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Statewide Consolidated Monitoring

2012-13 Statewide Consolidated Monitoring Report

District:	Powell County	
Date(s) of Visit:	January 22, 2013	
Team Leads:		
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Highlight of Effective Practices 1

Programs Addressed <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	Title I	X	Preschool	X	Career and Technical Education	
	Title II	X	IDEA	X	Alternative Programs	X
<p>Supportive leadership The district has effective and supportive leadership with constant communication and collaboration between district and school staff. This process ensures the effective use of program funds and compliance of all federal programs monitored.</p>						

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Common Issue

Programs Addressed <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	Title I	X	Preschool	Career and Technical Education
	Title II		IDEA	Alternative Programs
Common Issue				
There were no crosscutting issues identified through this monitoring process. However, we encourage individual programs to share information, processes and goals. This may provide opportunities for collaboration that may further efforts to ensure effective, comprehensive services to students.				
Common Solution(s)/Recommendation(s)				

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Final Overview

Programs Addressed <i>(Check all that apply)</i>	Title I	X	Preschool	X	Career and Technical Education	
	Title II	X	IDEA	X	Alternative Programs	X
<p>Superintendent Tate and his staff are very knowledgeable and involved in all program areas monitored. The district is doing an outstanding job reaching out to the community and creating opportunities to involve parents. The district administration is providing collaborative guidance to the schools in the effective use and application of program funds while striving toward continuous improvement and providing a proactive approach in promoting student success.</p>						