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February 3, 2016

The Honorable Bill Montford
214 Senate Office Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Senator Montford:

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Blountstown High School (BHS) was funded during the 2009 and 2010 legislative sessions through the Special Facilities Construction Account. Calhoun County is grateful for the recognition of the legislature in continuing to fund the construction of educational facilities in small, rural counties.

The report used by the House Appropriation Committee was based on the cost of construction report submitted to the Florida Department of Education in 2012. The number of student stations reported at BHS was 825. The most recent Florida Inventory of School Houses (FISH) report lists BHS as having 846 student stations.

Additionally, prior to construction, the Calhoun County School Board had to change the construction site. Consequently, additional costs were incurred to modify the plans to meet the unique requirements of the new site.

With these issues taken into account, the cost per student station would be \$27,484.

Respectfully,

Ralph Yoder, Superintendent
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CC: Members of the House Appropriations Committee

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