

THE COUNTY BOARD OF HENRY COUNTY



December 12, 2013

Mr. Scott Kuffel, Superintendent  
Geneseo Community School District  
648 North Chicago Street  
Geneseo, IL 61254

Dear Mr. Kuffel,

I, along with many other Henry County Board members supported the passage of the 1% education sales tax of April 9, 2013. Since that time I have heard some members of the general public asking for some feedback for a comprehensive plan, particularly to know if the county will consider a reduction in property taxes. Some are saying with passage of the 1% sales taxes the school districts there is no incentive to work towards a comprehensive plan. I disagree and believe that there is always a benefit to be in discussion and consider partnerships, communication and collaboration.

As I have been a supporter of the education sales tax and its intent to benefit the students of Henry County, I would like to engage Henry County school boards and superintendents in a conversation on how to enhance the educational structure within Henry County.

I would like to invite you and your superintendent to a round table discussion to be held Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Henry County Courthouse in Court Room 102J to review progressive ideas of how to improve the educational structure within the county, despite the challenges that the state and federal government may impose. The school board presidents and superintendents representing Henry County's major school districts will be invited to attend along with the Regional Superintendent of Schools.

One idea I would propose to discuss at this round table is the possible creation of a single county school district. With a county-wide sales tax for facilities in place, this seems a reasonable place to start dialogue on a county-wide level.

During this round table discussion, the students will continue to be the center of all goals to better achieve their academic, art, activity and athletic aspirations and achievement. Please respond to Colleen Gillaspie, Henry County Administrator, at 309-937-3400 or [countyboard@henrycty.com](mailto:countyboard@henrycty.com)

regarding your intent to attend. I look forward to seeing you all January 22<sup>nd</sup> and to discuss the future for our Henry County youth.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tim Wells', with a stylized, cursive script.

Tim Wells

Henry County Board Chairman

*"Together We Are Henry County "*