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Ravalli County Board of Commissioners
215 South 4th Street, Suite A
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Dear Commissioners:

The Trustees of the Hamilton School District are encouraged by the recent actions you and the County Attorney have taken to reestablish sound operation of the County Treasurer's Office and to restore the integrity of that office. We wish to commend Clerk and Recorder Regina Plettenberg for maintaining open communication with our Business Manager during these trying times.

However, we must bring two unresolved issues to your attention.

The first issue regards a deposit of November 2013 checks and cash that were delivered to the Treasurer's Office in early December in accordance with procedures established by the Treasurer's Office. Of this \$29,264.38 deposit, \$429.50 was in cash. To date, this \$429.50 has not been credited to the Hamilton School District's account.

The second issue regards the fact that the District has not received Treasurer's Reports (akin to a bank statements) for the months of October, November, or December. Nor has the District received A101s (deposit slips) over this period of time, so that there is no record of deposits or taxes being credited to the District. Consequently, the District cannot "balance its books" and cannot be assured that it has the funds available to meet its financial obligations.

We recognize that ongoing investigations and audits relating to the Treasurer's Office may slow the process of resuming fully functional operations in that office. That said, we are obliged to ask that you take all reasonable actions necessary to expedite resolution of the issues identified in this letter. We are confident that in the final analysis the County will correct its errors in such a way that the Hamilton School District is not financially harmed.

Sincerely,

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Chairman, Board of Trustees
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