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Dear Fox C-6 Community,

As many of you are aware, the Missouri State Auditor recently released an audit report of the Fox C-6 District. The audit had been requested and approved unanimously by the Board of Education on August 12, 2014. You can read the full audit [here](#) or by visiting the about section of the Fox C-6 website.

The District would like to thank the Office of the Missouri State Auditor for accepting the audit request of the Fox C-6 Board of Education, along with the team of auditors that invested months reviewing documents and interviewing District personnel to develop the audit report and recommendations. We welcome this effort to help us attain the highest standards of excellence.

The audit report is the independent work of the Office of the Missouri State Auditor. This engagement was a performance audit that investigated District compliance with law and policy. The time frame to be audited included the two fiscal years that ended June 30, 2014. Missouri State Auditor Nicole Galloway has released the audit results and they are available to the public on the State Auditor's website.

We gladly and respectfully accept the recommendations presented in the audit report. We welcome the opportunity to continue working with the Office of the Missouri State Auditor, local and state leaders, teachers, parents, and the community to implement the recommendations. The recommendations outlined in the audit report will allow us to better serve our students and the entire community. I would like to express appreciation for the extent to which the audit recognizes and supports the District's intense sense of urgency to conduct operations properly. Namely, recognizing the significant and immediate steps taken in 2014, before the audit, to improve systems, structures and protocols. Since July 2014, we have made policy and structural changes that are helping to ensure maximum accountability and efficiency. Our Fox C-6 Board of Education and our senior administrative leadership are committed to not only ensure compliance with all policies, procedures, and state and local laws and regulations, but also ensure top decision-makers are engaged in a cycle of regularly reviewing procedures, reviewing performance, reviewing data, holding robust performance dialogues, and making appropriate adjustments at regular intervals throughout the year.

The District, and its current administration, wish to see full restitution for any resources that were misused under previous policies and regulations. Further, the current administration will continue to provide transparency and accountability to the public on these and other matters. The current Board of Education has already mandated that changes must and will occur. This Board is committed to being invested in this process and will seek continued improvement in these areas.



Much has changed in the Fox C-6 School District since the audit was requested. It is essential that we acknowledge the mistakes of the past, but it is most important that we continue to place our focus on what is best for our students. Although the current administration was not involved in the past mistakes outlined in the audit report, the current administrative team takes full ownership and accountability for ensuring that our taxpayer dollars and all other resources are used efficiently, responsibly, and with the best interest of our students in mind. Further, this cabinet will continue to take every measure necessary to move forward and unite our community behind the important work our teachers and staff undertake every day: the education of our students.

I would also be remiss if I did not mention that the acts of the past have taken a toll on our District; however the efforts of our staff and teachers at the building level has been unwavering and phenomenal to say the least! Throughout it all, our staff and teachers at the building level have stood tall and kept their priorities on changing the lives of our students for the better!

I am incredibly proud to serve this district as your superintendent. I look forward to continuing my work with you to make Fox C-6 Schools the absolute best place to learn and grow. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Jim Wipke**  
Superintendent  
Fox C-6 Schools