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Jon Cross
State Representative

Hon. Keith Faber
Ohio Auditor of State
88 East Broad Street, 5th Floor
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RE: Performance Audit Request for Van Buren School District

Dear Auditor Faber,

In light of the recent action by the Ohio Department of Education to place Van Buren School District in a "precautionary financial watch" list, I would like to respectfully request a Performance Audit be conducted by your office.

It was recently reported that school officials are projecting a \$1.3 million deficit for the fiscal year 2020 and projected the deficit to worsen by \$3.2 million in fiscal year 2021 after a recent levy did not pass.

This gives me great concern, as I am hearing directly from parents and constituents from Van Buren requesting more transparency regarding the financial issues at hand.

Therefore, I feel responsible as their State Representative for the 83rd House District, representing the Village of Van Buren and its school district, to engage in the matter by sending this letter to your office requesting this action.

I believe a performance audit will provide an unbiased and transparent financial picture of Van Buren School District's financial status, as the school board is planning for future funding levies. Transparency and accountability are needed to determine future cost savings and other financial recommendations that can come from this audit.

I'm a positive advocate for our public schools, and I want the best for our schools, teachers, student, parents and taxpayers. I am also appreciative of the work you do as our state auditor to ensure Ohioan's tax dollars are being used wisely and well, and according to the law.

Thank you for giving consideration for issuing a performance audit to Van Buren School District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jon Cross".

Jon Cross
State Representative
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