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Louis Erste, Associate Superintendent
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Dear Mr. Erste:

The Forsyth County School System has experienced enhanced student achievement due to the increased flexibility afforded by the Investing in Educational Excellence (IE²) partnership with the Georgia State Board of Education during the past five years. The current contract is scheduled to end on June 30, 2015.

The State of Georgia in Article 4, O.C.G.A. § 20-2-84 requires each local school system to notify the Georgia Department of Education of its intention of operating as an Investing in Educational Excellence (IE²) School System, a Charter System, or a Status Quo School System no later than June 30, 2015. This letter is to inform you of the intent of the Forsyth County School System to operate as an IE² school system through renewal of the IE² partnership between our school district and the State Board of Education. Our school system notified the public regarding our intent to pursue this contract during a regularly scheduled board meeting on October 9, 2014. Enclosed, please find a resolution from the Forsyth County Board of Education indicating our desire to begin negotiations for contract renewal.

Prior to the submission of a proposed contract, the Forsyth County School System will schedule and hold a public hearing for the purpose of gathering public input. We are excited about the opportunity to continue to partner with the Georgia Department of Education and the Governor's Office of Student Achievement.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jeffrey Bearden

Enclosure

cc: Dr. Garry McGiboney, Deputy Superintendent, Georgia Department of Education
Dr. Martha Ann Todd, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Student Achievement