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Keith Travis, Chair
Kentucky Board of Education
First Floor, Capitol Plaza Tower
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Dear Chairman Travis:

Let me first commend you, the selection committee and the other board members for your hard work and dedication - traits that have gone hand-in-hand with your service to the state and to the students of this great commonwealth. Please know that I share in your commitment to education and appreciate your efforts.

As you and the committee are in the final phase of the selection of the new commissioner of education, I believe it is important and in the best interest of the Commonwealth at this point to make the names of the three finalists public. Public awareness of this important selection promotes dialogue and disclosure that otherwise would be lost, two critical components in assuring the selection of the best candidate.

Additionally, making the finalists' names public will allow review and input from the legislators and as you are aware, a strong working relationship with the legislature and its leadership is critical. I believe these steps will help ensure that the new commissioner is well received by all.

Thank you again for your service to the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ernie Fletcher".
Ernie Fletcher

c: President David Williams
c: Speaker Jody Richards