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*File w/ Alteration/Curtailment
of programs*

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333 Market St., 5th Floor
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Dear Ms. Washington:

The Shamokin Area School District may suspend (furlough) professional employees or non-renew temporary professional employees under Section 1124(2) of the School Code. Our District is considering a curtailment or alteration of the present educational program through the recommendation of myself, the Superintendent. This curtailment or alteration may be acted upon by the Board of School Directors at our next public meeting.

The potential alteration of the program that is being affected involves teachers of Art and Physical Education in grades Pre-K through sixth in the elementary setting. The classroom and homeroom teachers will provide the foundation for the content areas of Art and Physical Education to be incorporated into thematic lessons and units in their instructional time with students and will be referenced in their highly effective instructional lesson plans to meet the requirements of Chapter 4 guidelines that are mandated for the education of students in public schools.

Along with these changes, we may also be reducing the full-time kindergarten program to a half-time program and eliminating the Shamokin Area's Middle School alternative education in-house program.

These reductions in staff will allow the District to operate more efficiently and allow the District to reallocate resources from other professional educational avenues.

It is understood that the Shamokin Area School District is responsible to ensure that our educational platform for the education of all students enrolled at Shamokin Area School District, based upon the alteration of our present programs, will be in compliance with all highly qualified certification requirements of all professional employees involved in these programs.

In the event you have additional questions or concerns regarding our proposal, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Chris J. Venna
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