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Senator Darwin L. Booher
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Dear Senator Booher:

I am pleased to write this letter of support for your pending legislation in Senate Bills 315 and 316 – changing the Kindergarten start date eligibility from December 1 back to September 1 each year. I understand that these dates will be phased in starting with November 1 during the 2012-2013 school year, October 1 during the 2013-2014 school year and finally, September 1 during the 2014-2015 school year.

It has been my experience and observation that starting children, especially males, too early in school can be detrimental to both the individual student and other students around him. It limits the younger student because of lack of experience and basic skills and causes a wide range of abilities with an entire class limiting progress at times.

Please consider my full support for these Senate Bills 315 and 316.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Stobie
Superintendent