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Dear Municipal and Township Officials:

I am writing to offer to collaborate with your organization for the mutual benefits of both of our organizations and the taxpayers that we serve. I am sure you are all too well aware of the state's fiscal issues and inability to pay its bills on time.

The North Boone Board of Education is hoping that we can work out ways to collaborate, combine services and otherwise work together to be more efficient and decrease the load on our taxpayers. I have already met with the Village of Poplar Grove, and we have been able to identify a few items on which we can work together. The school district staff is eager to help in any way we can in potentially combining bids for supplies, etc.

The simplest items are probably fuel and paper. We all use both of those products and when we go to bid those products this spring, we would like to be able to include your organization's needs as well in order to try to drive down the costs for each of our organizations by increasing the total volume purchased. Ed Mulholland has reached out to some organizations already and offered to do some of your vehicle maintenance as we already have the facilities and can potentially do so cheaper than a third party.

If you are interested in working with us, please contact me. If you have constructive suggestions for how the district can reduce expenses or increase revenue, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Steve Baule

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