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Dear Prospective TSD Superintendent:

The Tennessee School for the Deaf (TSD) and West Tennessee School for the Deaf (WTSD) provides a total learning environment which utilizes state of the art curricula, materials and methods for the purpose of preparing students for adult life. The Instructional Program is known as a leader in the education of students who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. The program serves students from nursery school through grade twelve. Students receive instruction in language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, computer technology, vocational education, independent living skills, physical education, and health. Campuses are located in east Tennessee (TSD residential campus, grades PK-12) and west Tennessee (satellite campus, grades PK-6) in Knoxville and Jackson respectively, and the regions that surround are full of things to do and see. The main campus location in Knoxville, offers a deep sense of history, fantastic eco-tourism opportunities, a thriving art and cultural scene, a zoo, and the state's flagship university with some of the nation's best college athletics teams. Add to that mix, outstanding restaurants and music, you will quickly understand why Knoxville is a great place to call home.

The search for the next superintendent of Tennessee School for the Deaf and West Tennessee School for the Deaf creates a rare and exciting opportunity for the right leader who has a strong vision, commitment to growing all students, and a passion for ASL English bilingual programming. Is this strong leader you, or do you know of someone who would be ready to take this exciting next step in his or her professional career?

Let us tell you a little about both campuses for Tennessee Schools for the Deaf:

- ❖ TSD provides the foundation for the statewide outreach team, working closely with districts and families throughout the state.
- ❖ An Individual Education Plan is provided for every child in the program.
- ❖ Schools have a strong focus on early interventions for all students
- ❖ The TSD/WTSD Alumni Association and community is an amazing support to the TSD/WTSD students and staff.

At our residential campus:

- ❖ Most students live too far away to commute and students live in small groups in cottages which are designed to create a feeling of a suburban family life.
- ❖ TSD is a part of the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association.
- ❖ Football, basketball, track and field, cross-country track, volleyball, swimming, and cheerleading are all important parts of our well rounded athletic program at our residential campus.
- ❖ Junior and senior summer camps are available and allow participating students opportunities to explore beautiful East Tennessee.
- ❖ Sibshops are provided which are high-energy and fun programs for siblings of children with special needs.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathleen Airhart".

Kathleen Airhart
Deputy Commissioner, Chief Operating Officer