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Billy Parker, Superintendent Dwayne Ellison, Asst Superintendent Joy Lusby, Principal (Great Crossing High School)

Good Morning,

I hope this note finds all of you doing well and finding time this summer for some well-deserved relaxation while you plan for another successful school year in 2024-2025 in Scott County.

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation to each of you for allowing the Kentucky Center for School Safety to host our annual Safe Schools and Communities Conference at Great Crossing High School last week. Everything about the school and its staff met, actually exceeded, our expectations for being the ideal site for the event. In fact, I have no hesitation in saying that our decision to make the request for you to permit us to hold it at this gorgeous high school was one of the best we've recently made!

The school staff you so generously made available to us was most accommodating, quickly and pleasantly responding to all of our requests. Their amiable attitudes were so refreshing and comforting to the KCSS staff and others responsible for making sure the flow of events went smoothly. I honestly have lost count of the number of verbal and written compliments I have received from conference presenters and attendees regarding the welcoming atmosphere that these folks created for us on these 2 wonderful days.

Principal Joy Lusby could not have been more friendly and hospitable throughout our process of planning, setting up, and hosting the event. She seemed always available to answer our questions and facilitate any need that we had. Also amazing were the folks that we sometimes had to disturb in the office; each of them was ultra pleasant, on occasion even coming out into the hallway to personally direct someone to a location in the foyer.

And last, but definitely not least, I want to thank you for providing us with the friendliest and most efficient custodians and cafeteria workers I can remember ever having to work a conference. They did a top-notch job of preparing for our large crowd and being available to ensure that all of our needs were attended to in a timely and efficient manner --- and all with big smiles that made everyone feel welcome.

In closing, I just want to reiterate how very much I appreciate your generous reception of me, my staff, and all who were a part of our yearly conference. It was a glowing success by all measures, and a great deal of that success is owed to you. I will never forget your kindness, professionalism, and support. You are simply the best.

Jon R. Akers, Executive Director Kentucky Center for School Safety



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