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Clint Wray  
President, Board of Education  
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Dear Mr. Wray and Members of the Keokuk Community School District Board of Education,

Thank you for your letter and for reaching out in the spirit of collaboration and shared commitment to the students and communities of Lee County. We appreciate the thoughtful approach your board is taking as you consider long-term planning and opportunities to best serve your students.

After discussion, the Fort Madison Community School District Board does not have an interest at this time in exploring consolidation or formal comprehensive sharing agreements. We remain confident in the direction of our district and the opportunities currently available to our students.

That said, we do value strong working relationships with our neighboring districts and recognize that there may be opportunities for collaboration in specific operational areas. We would be open to continued dialogue at the superintendent level to explore any practical, mutually beneficial efficiencies that support all districts while maintaining our individual identities.

Thank you again for your outreach and for your ongoing dedication to students in our region. We wish you the very best as you continue your planning efforts.

Sincerely,

Josh Wykert  
President, Board of Education  
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