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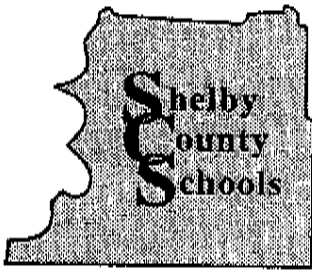
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from Dr. Webb.*

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Dear Legislator:

On behalf of the Shelby County School system, our teachers, employees, and the 48,000 school children we educate, we are adamantly opposed to SB1933/HB1421.

Shelby County Schools operates two educational access stations that not only provide quality educational broadcasts to our communities but provide highly effective training opportunities for many of our students each year. There are numerous provisions in this bill that would eliminate the opportunity to continue to operate the two public access stations in our schools.

In addition to the likely elimination of our two educational access stations, the cost of cable connections to our schools and libraries would require an annual increase in our operating budget. Cable companies are currently required to provide this service at no cost to our schools.

In summary, the enactment of this legislation would most likely shut both our stations down upon enactment. We strongly urge you to oppose SB1933/HB1421 in order to leave in place exactly what exists now so that we can continue to do the work that has so enriched the lives of our students and our community viewers.

Sincerely,

Bobby G. Webb, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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