



ANTHONY HOLT
SUMNER COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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Dr. Del Phillips
Director of Sumner County Schools
695 E. Main St.
Gallatin, TN 37066

Dear Dr. Phillips:

Fox 17 News aired a story about missing school funds. The report misrepresents that the money was tax dollars instead of monies raised by fundraising. Moreover, it dishonestly represented that the financial controls in place were poor.

The truth is, the controls actually caught these thefts. The story was not only insulting to our honest and hard-working teachers and staff but, through the cutting and slicing of entire interviews, distorted the facts presented by county and school system personnel.

During the interview, it was repeatedly expressed to the reporter that financial controls in place worked and the funds were NOT tax dollars.

The facts are, the controls found the thefts, the money was not taxpayer dollars, but fund raising money and these funds were repaid.

Sincerely,

Anthony Holt
Sumner County Executive

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