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State Chief Information Officer

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Members of the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations
Members of Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
Members of the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Information Technology

Dear Members of the General Assembly and Staff:

This letter serves as the initial report on activities of the North Carolina Longitudinal Data System Board since passage of Session Law 2013-80, which designated the State Chief Information Officer as chair of the board.

The first meeting of the board is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at the Department of Public Instruction. The meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the 7th Floor South/SBE Conference Room and is open to the public. You and your staff are welcome to attend if your schedules allow.

This will be an organizational meeting because the board has not met previously. One order of business is to elect a vice chair from among the membership. I also anticipate an update on previous efforts by the state in this area and will encourage a wide-ranging discussion about the potential use of longitudinal data to prepare our citizens for productive lives in the global economy.

A majority of the board has been appointed, and I am working with the administration to complete the appointments to the board. The goal is to have a majority membership in place for the first meeting.

I will provide a full report on the first meeting in January. Please feel free to contact me in the meantime if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as chair of the Longitudinal Data System Board. I look forward to working with the state's education and business leaders and others to utilize student data to improve the lives of all North Carolinians.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chris Estes".

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