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The Honorable Herbert Slatery, III
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State of Tennessee
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Dear General Slatery:

Please consider this letter a request for a formal opinion regarding the K-12 funding formula. Below are the specific questions of concern:

- Less than half of all **3rd grade** students are proficient or above in **reading**.
- Less than half of all **8th grade** students are proficient or above in **reading**.
- Less than 42% of all **high school** students are proficient or above in **English III**.
- In fall 2013, almost 64% of first-time freshmen in TN community colleges took at least one **remedial or developmental course**.
- TN ranks in the bottom half of all states on the **Nation's Report Card or NAEP**.
- The average ACT score in Tennessee is **19.4**. (The lowest district is a 15.9)

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Given these facts, could the legislature develop a funding formula for K-12 education based in whole or in part on student outcomes?

Your attention to this request is deeply appreciated. We would request that you expedite this request as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy McNally". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Randy McNally
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cc: Lt. Gov. Ron Ramsey
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