



January 28, 2009

Dr. John Ahlemeyer, Superintendent and
Board of Education
Gavin School District #37
25775 W. Highway 134
Ingleside, IL 60041

Dear Dr. Ahlemeyer and Board of Education members:

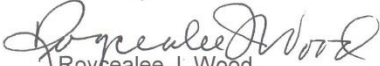
After examining the documentation provided by you there are certain elements of the inspection and repair process that the Lake County Regional Office of Education would like to make recommendations on for furthering the safety and security of the students and staff of your district who attend Central School.

The documentation provided shows that not all trusses are inspected during the annual inspection process. The schedule provided also shows that no trusses will be inspected over the next two years and then no trusses will be inspected for five years. We feel this schedule is too lax since each inspection has shown that repair work is needed. We feel it appropriate to continue annual inspections until a pattern of "no findings" is established. **The Lake County Regional Office of Education strongly recommends that all trusses in their entirety be examined by qualified and appropriately licensed professionals on an annual basis.**

The Lake County Regional Office of Education also strongly recommends that one of our personnel, either our contracted structural engineer or one of our Health Life Safety Consultants, be present at the time of the inspections. As stated in the current schedule, all repairs should be completed in a timely manner and at a time when students and staff are not present in the building.

Feel free to contact my office for further discussion.

Sincerely,


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Regional Superintendent of Schools
Lake County, Illinois

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