Crestview Ministerial Association

RE: Richland County Fair "Beer Garden"

Dear Members of the Board, Superintendent Seder and Administrative Staff:

The Crestview School District and our area churches have stood unified for several years on issues that strengthen and uphold strong family values. Our purpose together has been to serve the best interests of the family. Additionally when that unit is threatened, we choose to stand against activities that destroy that unit.

This letter is to address the recent decision of the Richland County Fair Board to activate a "beer garden" at the fair. It created a huge shift in the family friendly atmosphere of the fair. With this decision the youth population is at risk at the local county fair.

The Crestview School District will realize this threat in their student body. This "beer garden" is a garden of destructive weeds. The garden has no possibility of producing healthy fruit. We are striving in our churches to teach the youth to live clean, Godly lives.

As a support to the districts already preventative measures, I concur with the request for a resolution from the board against the Fair Board decision. If the Richland County School districts will unite against this decision by the fair board then we could put an "out of business" sign on the "beer garden." The Crestview School Board can lead in this prohibition. Your quality leadership can set the pace to close down the garden. You can also send a strong message to the other districts to join the opposition team.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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