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Mr. Dortch Oldham, Jr., President
McIntyre Ventures, LLC
and
Mr. Tom Baldrige, Founder
Pantheon Park, LLC
5944 Sedberry Road
Nashville, TN 37205

Dear Mr. Oldham and Mr. Baldrige:

SUBJECT: Old Tennessee State Prison and Property

Thank you for your letter of October 8 concerning your proposal to purchase the Old Tennessee State Prison and property on Centennial Boulevard. Though I was aware that your proposal was submitted to former Commissioner Cates with the Department of General Services in May of this year, I can only tell you that the Department of Correction does plan to move forward on the long-standing plan to relocate our central office operations to this site. We continue to work with the Department of General Services on the planning effort and have included a request in our 2014/2015 capital request for this project. Your suggestion of building new state-of-the-art facilities on other state-owned property, though interesting, cannot take into account the long history the Department of Correction has at this site nor our desire to continue our presence at this site.

If you are still interested in other state property for your STEAM campus, I would suggest you contact Commissioner Oglesby with the Department of General Services. His office is the responsible agency for all state property transactions, leases, and transfers by sale. Losing an opportunity as exciting as your STEAM proposal for students who want to excel in the performing arts and software development from the Nashville area would be a great loss to our community. If we can assist you in reaching this goal in the Nashville area, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.D. Schofield".

Derrick D. Schofield

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