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Robert R. Prusator  
Superintendent  
Meridian CUSD 223  
207 W. Main St.  
Stillman Valley IL

Dear Superintendent:

As you are aware, the 2007 School District Financial Profile, based on the 2006 school year financial data, places your school district within the Financial Recognition range. This is the highest category obtainable for the School District Financial Profile. Given the economic difficulties school districts are facing, the State Board realizes this is a significant accomplishment.

A certificate has been enclosed documenting your district's excellence in finance. Please share your designation and Certificate of Recognition with your school board and staff.

In the future, we will be asking for volunteers to serve as mentors to school districts in financial difficulty. It is my hope that you will share your knowledge, so that together, we may address the financial crisis education is facing in Illinois.

If you have questions or comments regarding the School District Financial Profile, please contact Christine Kolaz at (217) 785-8779.

Congratulations again on a job well done!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Koch".

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.  
Interim State Superintendent of Education

Enclosure

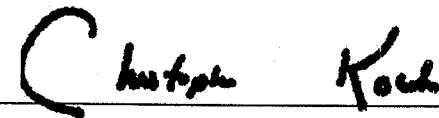
**Illinois State Board of Education**

**Certificate of Financial Recognition**

*is hereby granted to*

***Meridian Community Unit School District 223***

*According to the 2007 Illinois State Board of Education School District Financial Profile, based  
on the 2006 School Year financial data*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Koch". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

State Superintendent of Education (Interim)