PETITION OF RESIDENT LEGAL VOTERS TO COMBINE ALED0 COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 201, MERCER AND HENDERSON COUNTIES, AND WESTMER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 203, MERCER, HENDERSON, AND ROCK ISLAND COUNTIES, INTO ONE NEW COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT COMPRISED OF THE ENTIRE TERRITORY OF BOTH EXISTING SAID COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS, TO ESTABLISH TAX RATES FOR THE NEW COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT SO CREATED, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE NEW COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT WHEREBY THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ARE ELECTED AT LARGE, AND HEREBY REQUESTING AN ELECTION BE HELD IN SAID EXISTING COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICTS ON NOVEMBER 4, 2008, ON SAID PROPOSITION AND FOR THE ELECTION OF SAID MEMBERS OF THE NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR THE NEW COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT.

To: The Honorable Jodi L. Scott,
Regional Superintendent of Schools for
Henderson, Mercer, and Warren Counties, Illinois

The undersigned legal voters who reside respectively in the Aledo Community Unit School District No. 201, Mercer and Henderson Counties, and Westmer Community Unit School District No. 203, Mercer, Henderson, and Rock Island Counties, hereby petition for the combination of said school districts into a new community unit school district to be created from the entire territory of the existing Aledo Community Unit School District No. 201, Mercer and Henderson Counties, and Westmer Community Unit School District No. 203, Mercer, Henderson, and Rock Island Counties, in accordance with the provisions of Article 11E of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/11E-5, et seq.) and the Illinois Election Code (105 ILCS 5/1-1, et seq.), and in support of our petition we state the following:

1. This Petition is signed by at least 50 legal voters residing in each the Aledo Community Unit School District and the Westmer Community Unit School District.

2. The Educational Service Region of Henderson, Mercer, and Warren Counties is the Educational Service Region in which the greater portion of the equalized assessed valuation of the territory described in this Petition lies.

3. The territory of the new community unit school district shall be compact and contiguous for school purposes. (See attached Exhibit A.)

4. The territory of the new unit school district proposed to be created by this Petition shall be identified as the new Community Unit School District, Mercer, Henderson, and Rock Island Counties, and described as the entire territory of the existing Aledo Community Unit School District No. 201, Mercer and Henderson Counties, and the entire territory of the existing Westmer Community Unit School District No. 203, Mercer, Henderson, and Rock Island Counties.

5. The territory, which is included in this Petition, is not described in any petition currently filed under any different provision of the School Code of Illinois.

6. The territory which is included in this Petition has not previously been the subject of any petition filed under any different provision of the School Code of Illinois.
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7. The creation of the unit school district proposed by this Petition will be in the best interests of both the Aledo Community Unit School District and the Westmer Community Unit School District, as well as the educational welfare of the students in these two School Districts.

8. The members of the Committee of Ten (to be known as the "Petitioners"), who shall exercise all powers as set for in Section 11E-35 of the School Code of Illinois (105 ILCS 5/11E-35) and otherwise as provided by law, are hereby designated as follows:

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9. It is in the best interests of the new community unit school district, being the new Community Unit School District, Mercer, Henderson, and Rock Island Counties, as proposed by this Petition to be created from the entire territory of the existing Aledo Community Unit School District No. 201, Mercer and Henderson Counties, and the entire territory of the existing Westmer Community Unit School District No. 203, Mercer, Henderson, and Rock Island Counties, that the maximum tax rate on the equalized assessed value of real property for educational purposes be authorized at 2.70%, for operations and maintenance purposes be authorized at 0.70%, for pupil transportation purposes be authorized at 0.20%, and for fire prevention and safety purposes be authorized at 0.05%.

10. The supplementary state deficit difference payment to be made under subsection (c) of Section 11E-135 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/11E-135(c)) shall be allocated entirely to the new Community Unit School District, Mercer, Henderson, and Rock Island Counties.

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11. The assets and the liabilities of the dissolved Aledo Community Unit School District and the dissolved Westmer Community Unit School District shall be allocated entirely to the new Community Unit School District, Mercer, Henderson, and Rock Island Counties formed from the territory of each such dissolved community unit school district, except that the liability for bonded indebtedness of each said dissolved community unit school shall remain in force against all the taxable property that was situated within the boundaries of each district as such boundaries existed at the time of the issuance such bond.

NOW THEREFORE THE PETITIONERS REQUEST AS FOLLOWS:

1. The proposition for the purpose of voting at the next general election, which is to be held on November 4, 2008, for or against the dissolution of the Aledo Community Unit School District No. 201, Mercer and Henderson Counties, and the dissolution of the Westmer Community Unit School District No. 203, Mercer, Henderson, and Rock Island Counties, and the establishment of a new community unit school district, to be known as the new Community Unit School District of Mercer, Henderson, and Rock Island Counties, and to be formed of the entire territory of both said school districts; and

2. The proposition for the dissolution of the both community unit school districts and the resulting establishment of the new community unit school district combined from the territory of both existing unit school districts shall include the request that the maximum tax rate on the equalized assessed value of the real property of the new community unit school district formed from the entire territory of both said school districts, being the new Community Unit School District of Mercer, Henderson, and Rock Island Counties, for educational purposes be authorized at 2.70%, for operations and maintenance purposes be authorized at 0.70%, for pupil transportation purposes be authorized at 0.20%, and for fire prevention and safety purposes be authorized at 0.05%; and

3. The election of the seven new members of the Board of Education for the proposed new Community Unit School District of Mercer, Henderson, and Rock Island Counties, from the territory of the combined said existing community unit school districts, whereby each new member of the Board of Education is elected at large from the territory of the combined said existing community unit school districts, at the next general election, which is to be held on November 4, 2008.

Dated: May 12, 2008
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CIRCULATOR’S STATEMENT
AND AFFIDAVIT

State of Illinois
County of Mercer

I, the undersigned, a person 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the United States and a registered voter of School District No. 203, Mercer County, State of Illinois residing at _________ in _________, Illinois certify that the signatures on this sheet of the petition were signed in my presence and are genuine and to the best of my knowledge and belief and the persons so signing were at the time of signing the petition registered voters of the school district in which the question of public policy is submitted and their respective addresses are correctly stated therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of ________, 2008.

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Circulator

Notary Public

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