

June 22, 2015

Dear Mr. Rhodes,

My name is Kyle Costa. This year I will be a senior at our very own Turpin High School. As a junior, I qualified to be a delegate at Buckeye Boys State. If you don't know, Buckeye Boys State is a program put on by the American Legion, dedicated to educating 11<sup>th</sup> grade boys about state government. Everyone has a job, either at the city, county or state level, where they learn about the inner-workings of our government.

I was appointed as my county's deputy auditor/treasurer. Going into it, I really did not know what to expect. I recalled seeing auditor inspection stickers on gas pumps and I knew they worked with tax budgets, that was about the extent of my knowledge.

Boy did I learn a lot! I learned about mills, real estate taxes, bonding applications, warrants and so much more! It really blew me away how involved a county auditor's job was. All of the "J-farms" were enough to make my head spin. In this chaos, I found a deep respect for public servants such as yourself. People like you keep my government running smoothly and on budget, something not many people are capable of. So from me personally, thank you. Thank you for all that you do, all that you've done, and all that you will do. I'm sure it's a thankless job, but a necessary one at that. Keep up the good work!

Sincerely, your friend,

Kyle Costa



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June 26, 2015

Mr. Kyle Costa  
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Dear Kyle:

Thanks very much for your kind and thoughtful letter.

We have a favorite phrase in the Auditor's office, "never a dull moment", and you certainly understand that thanks to your experience as a Buckeye Boys State delegate.

I was unaware they included our county office in their program and I appreciate you letting me know it.

I am grateful for the trust of Hamilton County's voters over the years and for your good wishes.

Best of luck in your senior year at Turpin High and for much success in the future. And again, thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DUSTY RHODES". The signature is stylized and written in all caps.

Dusty Rhodes

PS. With your permission I would like to post your letter on our website, [hamiltoncountyauditor.org](http://hamiltoncountyauditor.org), where it would be seen by thousands of people. Either drop me a note or give me a call if that would be OK.