

unteers were needed.  
Information led police

woman Kristin Helm said.  
Interstate information

cast were still trying to de-  
termine what happened.

Church of Christ, Tipton's  
home church.

Patchy  
clouds

73

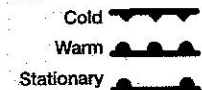
ON TUE

cloudy Partly cloudy

NE Wind: NE  
5 mph 4-8 mph

80 60/83

September 19, 2013



showers sf-snow flurries  
in sn-snow  
understorms f-ice

Today	Fri.	Sat.
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78/59/pc	83/65/pc	83/68/pc
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# Henry: Findings not a surprise

» DCS FROM 1B

court oversight since 2000, when child advocates filed suit over mistreatment of foster children in the system. The lawsuit, named Brian A. after a 9-year-old boy left to live in a Shelby County emergency shelter for nine months, required ongoing oversight by independent monitors.

The agency currently has 7,281 foster children. It had made steady progress until 2012, when outside monitors discovered alarming lapses in DCS oversight of foster children. At the same time, lawmakers, child advocates and law enforcement officials were criticizing DCS investigations into child abuse. The agency also repeatedly released incorrect numbers of children who died under the agency's care. Henry was appointed to take over the agency in February 2013, after the mounting controversies prompted former Commissioner Kate O'Day to resign.

Henry has ordered a series of reforms at the agency since, hiring outside staff, restructuring how child deaths are accounted for and fixing the agency's massive computer tracking system.

The agency is doing better in two respects, the

# Leaders criticize Huffman

» LETTER FROM 1B

Haslam already has sent a letter by email to the state's superintendents. He took a conciliatory tone, but still told them to back off the public criticism and find a way to work with Huffman.

Snowden and Lawson both referred to Huffman as an intelligent and capable leader and said they are not asking for his removal.

"I think the basis for his ideas and his intentions are in the right place," Snowden said, adding that changes in educational policies could be implemented in better ways with input from professional educators.

Cheatham County Director of Schools Stan Curtis said he signed because teachers and other staff members urged him to do so. "If our employees believe the letter supports their work to provide a quality education for our students, recognizes them as professionals, and grants them a voice in educational reform, then I will wholeheartedly endorse the petition as a measure to encourage their continued dedication," he said. "Our teachers deserve this encouragement and support."

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## SUPERINTENDENTS WHO SIGNED

Name	District
Reecha Black	Alamo City
Larry Foster	Anderson County
Don Embry	Bedford County
Dan Black	Bradford Special
Kevin Ward	Carter County
Stan Curtis	Cheatham County
Robert Mullins	Crockett County
Mike Latham	Dayton
Michael Price	Decatur County
Mark Willoughby	DeKalb County
Danny Weeks	Dickson County
Dwight Hedge	Dyer County
Edwin Alexander	Elizabethton
Rebecca Scharber	Franklin County
David Snowden	Franklin Special
Eddie Pruett	Gibson County Special
Linda Stroud	Greeneville
Joel Hargis	Grundy County
Dale Lynch	Hamblen County
Warner Ross	Hardeman County
Charlotte Britton	Hawkins County
Sam Miles	Henry County
Pat Dillahunt	Huntingdon Special
Morris Woodring	Johnson County
Bill Heath	Lawrence County
Benny Pace	Lewis County
Keith Brewer	Manchester
Mark Griffith	Marion County
Jackie Abernathy	Marshall County
Eddie Hickman	Maury County
Lynn Watkins	McKenzie Special
Don Roberts	Meigs County
Jesse Register	Metro Nashville
Mary Reel	Milan Special
Chad Moorehead	Moore County
Steve Thompson	Newport
David Huss	Obion County
Ann Sexton	Oneida
Mike Brown	Paris Special
Gary Aytes	Roane County
J. Mike Davis	Robertson County
Rebecca Isaacs	Rogersville
Bill Hall	Scott County
Roger Lewis	Smith County
Tony Tucker	South Carroll Special
Phillip Wallace	Stewart County
Buddy Bibb	Tipton County
Sandra Harper	Trenton Special
Dan Lawson	Tulahoma
Denise Brown	Unicoi County
Michael Martin	Van Buren County
Ronald Dykes	Washington County
Gailand Grinder	Wayne County
Randy Frazier	Weakley County
Eric Williams	West Carroll Special
Mike Looney	Williamson County

Source: Dan Lawson, Tullahoma City Schools