

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 6

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Memorandum

Date: July 16, 2018

To: Regional School District No. 6 - Board of Education Members

From: Christopher Leone

Re: Enrollment Re-Organization, and Consolidation – Survey Feedback

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Board of Education Members,

On Monday, July 16, 2018, at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education you will receive the second set of survey feedback data from the "Enrollment, Re-Organization and Consolidation" presentations.

Unlike the first survey, this survey had only two choices, required email addresses, had 200 less responses, but also displayed less "gamesmanship" with survey answers. Also unlike the first survey, Plan A, or Status Quo, was the clear majority winner in the communities.

What is clear from both sets of survey responses is that this is a very polarizing topic. That is understandable and should be a significant consideration. Throughout this process I have promised to be realistic with our towns, our parents, and this Board of Education, with respect to options moving forward. At this time, with two surveys completed and much feedback reviewed, I am sure of one thing – no change as currently configured or presented will receive referendum support in each of the three towns.

Therefore, on Monday, my recommendation to the Board of Education will be as follows:

In the true spirit of our RSD6 charter a workgroup should be formed to bring consensus around our district organization and enrollment. There are countless ideas floated but these need to be truly vetted. The rumors and the misconceptions need the person-to-person input that can be provided by a workgroup.

Regional School District No. 6 does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

Title IX-Contact -Debra DeLisle
98 Wamogo Road, Litchfield, CT 06759
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Section 504 Contact – Debra Foley
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It is my recommendation that the workgroup should include the following representation:

From Each Town (Total 18)

- 2 - Elementary Parents (Appointed by BOE)
- 1 - Secondary Parent (Appointed by BOE)
- 2 - Community Members (Appointed by BOE)
- 1 - Selectmen (or Designee)

From District (Total 3)

- 1 - Administrator (Appointed by Superintendent)
- 1 - Teacher (Appointed by WAMOGO Educators Association)
- 1 - Non-Certified Staff (Appointed by Superintendent)

In the formation of this workgroup it is ideal that the representation from each town be independent of the Board. It is also important that any nominee not have a relation to any employee, town official, or Board member.

Ideally this workgroup would be formed by the start of school. The Board of Education and RSD6 Administration would be responsible for its nominations by our next meeting on August 27, 2018. Once the workgroup is established it would then be my responsibility to lead monthly meetings and submit a recommendation to the Board by March 2019.

I have said publicly that we need to have "our house" in order before exploring further opportunities for collaboration. This process has taught me, and maybe all, that a vocal majority prefers our current house despite some clear long-term sustainability obstacles. Therefore, the presence of this workgroup should not interfere or hinder district goals to a) find a fair and equitable funding formula for our three towns and b) explore long-term collaborative agreements with other districts.

Regards,

Chris