

To: The Connecticut State Board of Education, First Selectmen and Town Clerks of Hampton, Scotland and Chaplin

From: Clark Stearns, Chairman, RD11 Dissolution Study Committee

Date: February 2, 2009

Subject: Semi-Annual Progress Report from the Rd11 Dissolution Study Committee

Pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. §§ 10-63C incorporating 10-43, this is the required semi-annual progress report from the committee studying the dissolution of Regional School District 11. The committee was initiated as the result of referenda in each town in January, 2008.

The committee has been meeting once or twice monthly since May 22, 2008. It is in the process of gathering the statutorily required data and additional information that is needed to make a recommendation regarding dissolution.

The committee has established a web site, <http://www.d11dissolutionstudy.org>, to serve as a repository for information and a resource for the 3 towns' citizens. Additionally the committee's work is reported to citizens through news media, updates at selectmen meetings and through public participation at committee meetings.

Attached is an outline that will be used for the final report submission. It delineates the type of information the committee is collecting and evaluating to be used in its decision making.

The committee anticipates timely completion of its work by May, 2009.

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