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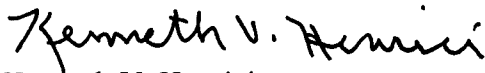
Dear Clark,

This letter and attachments are in response to your letter (attached) to Board Chair Leslie Wertam which I received on May 29. The information that you requested is enclosed as follows:

1. Questions A, B, C, D and I—Please refer to Attachment A
2. Questions E,F—Please refer to Attachment B
3. Questions G,H—Please refer to Attachment C

Should you have any questions regarding this information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Kenneth V. Henrici
Interim Superintendent

Cc: Attorney Ron Harris, State Department of Education (no attachments)
State Bond Counsel Attorney Douglas Gillette (no attachments)
Dr. Gale Lockland, recording Secretary, Dissolution Committee (no attachments)
Melanie Johnson, Vice Chair, Dissolution Committee (no attachments)

Memorandum

To: Ken Henrici
CC:
From: Noelle Cormier
Date: 5/29/2008
Re: Dissolution Study Committee Request

In response to the items requested by the Dissolution Committee attached you will find a copy of the June 30, 2007 audited financial statements. Below is a listing with the letters corresponding to the letters in the Dissolution Committee Request with the applicable page of the financial statements (if any) referenced.

- A) See Note 4, Capital Assets, page 29
- B) See Page 14, Balance Sheet Governmental Funds for the reserved and unreserved fund balances as of June 30, 2007.
- C) The Regional District 11 did not have any short or long term debt at June 30, 2007 and does not anticipate having any at June 30, 2008.
- D) The Region does not have post retirement benefits other than payment for sick time as required by contract the compensated absences as of June 30, 2007 are located on the Statement of Net Assets, page 12 of the June 30, 2007 financial statements and total \$97,262. This figure is an estimate; however the actual amount would depend on the number retirements in any given year. With the number of veteran staff at Parish Hill, this could be expected to grow in the future.
- I) The Region does not have any bonding in place at this time. There are indications that a new roof may be needed and therefore the Region would pursue bonding in order to cover the costs. In addition the region is exploring opening a Magnet School, which would necessitate purchasing a modular building to house the Magnet School.

Noelle

Henrici, Kenneth

From: Roseann Padula [RPadula@sscc-law.com]
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2008 2:28 PM
To: Iwertam; Henrici, Kenneth
Subject: Dissolution Committee Request

Leslie and Ken:

SDE attorney Harris sent me a copy of the request from the dissolution committee for information about the Region, which I have reviewed. In regard to item D, potential post retirement obligations for the district should have been disclosed in the district's annual financial report pursuant to GASBE reporting rules. They are generally determined by the actuary working in conjunction with the district's insurance/accounting/financial consultant. In regard to items E and F, our law firm is not currently representing the district in any legal actions that could adversely impact the region's finances and we are not aware of any future legal actions. You should check with CIRMA and other attorneys (such as bond counsel) as to any legal actions they have pending or anticipate for the future. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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To: Ken Henrici
 From: Mary Donnelly
 Subject: Dissolution Study Committee Questions
 Date: June 3, 2008

In response to your e-mail of June 2, 2008 requesting a response to the following questions:

1. Does regional District 11 currently have any long-term out-of-district tuition students, and if so what is the anticipated length of required tuition and cost.

The following information is based on the projected number of special education students who will be in out-of-district placements in the 2008-09 school year. Anticipating that a student at age 12 could continue to be eligible for services until age 21 the following are totals based on the current caseload. This assumes that no new students are identified as requiring an out-of-district-placement by either DCF (Department of Children and Family) or through the PPT (Planning and Placement Team) process during this time period.

Year	Cost	Students	Graduating	Compensatory
2008-09	676,564	16		3
2009-10	722,876	15	1	3
2010-11	550,265	13	2	2
2011-12	543,803	11	4	3
2012-13	416,290	9	2	1
2013-14	237,571	6	3	1
2014-15	132,555	2	4	2
2015-16	66,229	1		1
2016-17	68,555	1		1

2. Does Regional District 11 anticipate any future long term out of district tuition, and if so, what is the potential length of time and potential cost?

Due to the unpredictable circumstances associated with special education placements, the following is based on past history. Of the current students, 25% were placed in out-of-district residential facilities by DCF and Region 11 continued to be the nexus for educational programming. Another group of students that are placed in out-of-district sites are students identified as ED (emotionally disturbed). At the present time almost 50 % of out-placed students meet this criteria. A third group of students who require compensatory service to age 21 make up 20% of the population. Additionally students with other identified handicapping are out-placed if the PPT determines that the local schools cannot meet their educational needs. An estimate of future student might be an average of 10-12 students during any one year. The average cost of an out of district placement could be estimated at \$55,000 for a yearly cost of 550,000 – 660,000.

The new group home located in Chaplin may be an additional source of out-of district placements should student require services and are identified as no-nexus.