

Exhibit B

Exceptions to 2,500 minimum

The close geographic proximity of the six towns comprising SAD #5 and SAD #50 led our two school boards to begin collaborating on a 9-12 consolidation effort approximately three years ago. The goal of this consolidation effort was the creation of a regional high school with approximately 750 students. To that end, our school boards have met together several times, our 9-12 teaching staffs have engaged in common professional development and we have begun to involve students in the planning process. In addition, many public meetings have been held and informational programs broadcast on our local access television channel in an effort to educate and involve our citizenry.

With the implementation of the School Administrative Reorganization law, SAD #5 and SAD #50 are now working toward consolidating the two districts K-12, which will result in a district of approximately 2,300 students.

SAD #5 and SAD #50 have worked closely over the years via superintendents' agreements, shared special education services, and other services. The new RSU will allow the two districts to combine and streamline services, especially transportation, since the six communities are so close, and special education services; where we find that families with needs tend to move among and between the two districts regularly.

While the combined student population of the proposed new RSU will be less than the required 2,500, the efficiencies realized, the compact geographic nature of the new RSU, and the historic ties between SAD #5 and SAD #50 justify approving our request.