TO: COMMISSIONER GENDRON FROM: THE RSU #10 RPC RE: LETTER OF CONCERN DATE: DECEMBER 18, 2007

Dear Commissioner Gendron;

Please be advised that at our December 17, 2007 RPC meeting that the RPC Members voted unanimously to attach this letter to our status report that was due December 1st, 2007.

- It is the RSU #10 Regional Planning Committee's considered opinion that crafting a plan which requires either a loss of local control or cost shifting is pointless, because all of our communities would reject it by a lopsided margin. Consequently, we are attempting to create a structure which honors the intent of the law while minimizing its flaws.
- 2. While there may be some savings through consolidation, any savings would be dwarfed by the added expenses caused by the law's requirement for district-wide contracts. The net result would be a more expensive system.
- 3. Nothing in the law or the Department's guidelines actually addresses the issues involved in providing the educational services required by common sense and social conscience. Our RPC will continue to bear them in mind as we wait to see what, if any, modifications are made to the law.