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Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner
Maine Department of Education
23 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0023

Re: Union 98 Notices of Intent, 13 June 2008 Progress Report

Dear Commissioner Gendron:

Enclosed please find new Notices of Intent for the following SAUs:

Bar Harbor School Department
Mount Desert School Department
Southwest Harbor School Department
Tremont School Department
CSD #7 (Mount Desert Island High School)
SAD #76 (Swan's Island School)
Cranberry Isles School Department
Frenchboro School Department


Please note that ongoing discussions with representatives from the town of Trenton suggest the possibility that within the foreseeable future we may file an amended Notice of Intent that would formally include them in our discussions. I do not mean to signal at this time that the end result of such discussions would be a merger of Trenton with our system. We cannot at this time know if that would be deemed feasible by the RPC or voters. But it would mean that we would make a serious effort toward that end.

Also please find a progress report that represents work from our RPC since the end of the last legislative session. We present this in a tentative form in significant part because we have not yet had the chance to confer with Dick Spencer. We plan to meet with him after the Drummond Woodsum training session on June 19th.

Please note that in our report we are still showing that we do not anticipate any savings as a result of this reorganization. If you believe this needs to be differently described in a plan, please advise us.

If you have any questions or concerns about our work to date, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you.


Gail Marshall