

December 14, 2007

Francis Boynton, Superintendent
Chelsea School Department
320 Griffin Road
Windsor, ME 04363

Dear Superintendent Boynton:

Thank you for the letter included with your Reorganization Plan Submittal Sheet, alerting me to the late development of a new possible partner with which you may be able to create a sustainable partnership in your region. I appreciate the efforts you have made to date to find partners with whom you can discuss a reorganization plan, and the difficulties you have encountered. I appreciate your prompt notice to me and your willingness to continue to work toward a sustainable partnership.

Through a conversation with Norm Higgins, I understand the Chelsea School Department has re-entered discussions with the Wiscasset, Alna, Westport Island, Union 133, and Union 132 group. Please keep me apprised as this partnership evolves.

I can appreciate that this was a barrier to your submitting further materials in your plan and hope that, once further discussion takes place, you will be able to proceed with a more complete submission. The next deadline for submitting a revised plan is February 1, 2008. Please continue to work toward finding a sustainable partnership by that date.

Sincerely,



Susan A. Gendron
Commissioner of Education