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September 9, 2016

**VIA EMAIL**

Ms. Maria Eppolite  
Superintendent  
Bloomsbury School District  
20 Main Street  
Bloomsbury, NJ 08804

**Re: Feasibility Study Status**

Dear Maria:

We write to provide a status update for you and the Boards of Education of Greenwich and Bloomsbury with regard to our work on the Feasibility Study concerning a potential regionalization of the school districts.

As you know, and as the Boards are aware, we began our analysis at the Boards' direction in June, 2016, reviewing relevant data to assess the feasibility of regionalization, largely following the criteria at N.J.S.A. 18A13-1, et. seq. Our efforts have continued, to the present time. We continue to collect relevant data, including a review of several years of budgetary information, the school districts' annual performance cards, demographic information, educational programs including specific student information, school climate, and transportation, as well as a comprehensive review of staffing, employment and programming issues to review opportunities for effectiveness and opportunities. Lastly, and importantly, we are analyzing financial information for purposes of projections regarding a regionalized school districts' apportionment, budget, and budgetary impact.

We have met with various stakeholders, had ongoing conversations with you and Business Administrator Tim Mantz, as well as communications with the New Jersey State Department of Education.

As I mentioned to you earlier today during our brief telephone conversation, this process is time consuming, and the compilation and analysis of all relevant facts is crucial for an accurate analysis and feasibility determination. We are close to completion of our fact-gathering, and continue drafting the Feasibility Study. We are presently analyzing the financial implications of potential regionalization, and additional information will likely be requested with regard to that analysis.

We previously projected completion of the study in August, 2016, and are now, obviously, beyond that date. We apologize for the delay in completion of the study, and want to make it perfectly clear the time involved in completing this study is due to the comprehensive nature of the analysis required, and the volume of the data compilation, on our end, and not due to any delays by the school districts.

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Quite to the contrary, everyone within both school districts with whom we are working, particularly you and Mr. Mantz, have been incredibly helpful and proactive with regard to this matter. The Boards have facilitated a transparent and productive exchange of information.

We know that both Boards are anxious to receive the completed Feasibility Study and review our analysis and recommendations. We continue to work diligently towards same, and will keep you updated.

We again thank you and your colleagues for your courteous and thorough assistance with this important project.

Very truly yours,

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c: Tim Mantz, Business Administrator/Board Secretary