

Dear Newington Resident:

The school board has asked me to communicate their decisions resulting from the workshops following the June 6, 2006, Public Forum concerning the future of the Newington Public School. After several hours of study, deliberation, and review of written correspondence, the board voted, unanimously, ***“to refrain from going forward with any study focused on closing the Newington Public School.”*** The board has also issued the following Proclamation and Resolutions.

#### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS; a certain, but small number of citizens of Newington approached the school board concerning the cost of education at the Newington Public School (NPS); and requested the school board conduct a study to consider tuitioning NPS students to other districts and close the school for the purpose of reducing costs, and

WHEREAS; the school board held a public forum on June 6 at 6:30 p.m. and invited all members of the town to participate in giving their views on the cost and the value of education received at NPS and further requested written correspondence from all who did not wish to state their opinion openly at that time; and

WHEREAS; the community members of Newington who voiced their opinions at the public forum and in written correspondence thereafter, overwhelmingly were against closing the NPS, and clearly communicated their appreciation of NPS small school environment and the great value towards the Newington children's education; and

WHEREAS; several community members requested the Newington School Board study the value of tuitioning children into the NPS from outside the community for the purpose of lowering overall school costs to Newington residents; and

WHEREAS; the Newington School Board believes there is incredible value in the education presented in the small school environment at NPS and they have seen great accomplishments and improvements in the past at the NPS and fully believe in its enriching and valuable future; therefore:

#### RESOLUTIONS

The Newington School Board directs SAU 50 to study the possibilities, value and liability, monetary and other, of tuitioning students from outside communities into NPS and to report to the board no later than January 1, 2007, on its findings.

The Newington School Board resolves to continue to thoroughly scrutinize expenditures on goods and services paid by the Newington taxpayer.

The Newington School Board requests SAU 50 study new and innovative ways to apply for grants and corporate donations for the Newington school children and to report to the board no later than January 1, 2007, on its findings.

In closing, the school board appreciates the comprehensive feedback that they have received with regard to this issue. The SAU 50 Office will work diligently to follow through on the board's resolutions.

Sincerely,

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