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Dear Representative Sharpe,

I and the other VASBO officers have reviewed the 2/12/16 draft of the special education bill prepared by Mr. Des Marais. We do have concerns about all special education payments being directed only to supervisory unions.

Earlier today Laura Jakubowski (VASBO President Elect and Director of Finance, Addison Rutland SU), Bill Talbott, Nicole Tousignant and I had a discussion with regard to the issue. We discussed that it would be appropriate for special education reimbursement payments (section 2963) to go to both the supervisory union and the school district when the school district has elected to continue to employ paraeducators at the school district level rather than the SU.

I hope that the AOE can work with Mr. Des Marais to make a modification to the draft to reflect this change. If necessary I would be happy to testify with regard to the matter.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,

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