



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE GENERAL COURT

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

February 2, 2018

Senator Philip Baruth
Chair, Senate Committee on Education
Vermont State House
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

Representative David Sharpe
Chair, House Committee on Education
Vermont State House
115 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05633-5301

Dear Chairman Baruth and Chairman Sharpe:

We write due to our capacity as the state legislative delegation proudly representing Clarksburg, Massachusetts in the Commonwealth's General Court.

We are aware of the current effort to determine the feasibility of establishing an inter-state public school district to serve students in Clarksburg and Stamford, Vermont. Such an arrangement would be novel in Massachusetts, and as such we are pleased to note that the Commonwealth's Fiscal Year 2018 budget contains \$25,000 to help Clarksburg study and understand the merits and challenges associated with this innovative proposal.

We are committed to monitoring the study, and the related, ongoing negotiations between local and school officials in Clarksburg and Stamford on this matter. Further, we are open to providing additional support and guidance if asked. Our main role is to file and advocate for the enactment of a home rule petition authorizing Clarksburg to enter into such an agreement with Stamford. Should Clarksburg voters support this plan at Town Meeting, we stand ready to file the necessary home rule petition for review and consideration of the Massachusetts General Court. We look forward to working with Clarksburg and Stamford at that time to educate our colleagues on why this proposal is necessary and beneficial for the two communities.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact our offices if we can provide additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

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ADAM G. HINDS
State Senator
Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin & Hampden

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JOHN BARRETT, III
State Representative
First Berkshire District

cc: Clarksburg School Committee; Clarksburg Town Administrator
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