

Via USPS and electronic transmission: P12Deputy@nysed.gov Senior Deputy Commissioner Dr. Jeffrey Matteson Office of Education Policy New York State Education Department 89 Washington Avenue, Education Building, Room 2M EB Albany, NY 12234

January 10, 2025

Dear Dr. Matteson,

At their December 9–10, 2024 meeting, the Board of Regents permanently adopted a new subsection (124- 2.8 of Section 124), establishing a process by which school districts may elect not to participate in the development of a regionalization planning process.

I am writing to advise you that at its January 9, 2025, meeting, the North Shore Central School District Board of Education adopted a resolution electing not to participate in the regionalization planning process or any resulting regional plan. The Board has authorized me to communicate this decision on its behalf. Please see the attached resolutions that were acted upon by the North Shore CSD Board of Education.

While the adopted regulations do not explicitly prohibit identifying a district as a participant without consent, the discussion at the December 9th Board of Regents meeting confirmed that no district will be compelled to participate in regionalization activities or reallocate resources against its will. While we are hopeful of these assurances, the District reserves all rights and remedies necessary to uphold the Board's authority and preserve local control should any contrary actions arise.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Resolution of the Board of Education, 1/9/25