

SC-R-2018-07

**CUMBERLAND SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**Resolution requesting affiliation with the Northwest Rhode Island School District Consortium**

WHEREAS: Rhode Island School Districts are facing increasing financial pressure as a result of inadequate educational funding. Shortage of funding has resulted in considering alternate methods of purchasing and/or sharing goods and services in an effort to create greater efficiencies and streamlining.

WHEREAS: The Rhode Island General Assembly has encouraged School Districts to establish cooperative service operation when it enacted Rhode Island General Law §16-3.1-1.

WHEREAS: The Rhode Island General Assembly has encouraged the exploration of joint purchasing between School Districts when it enacted Rhode General Law §16-2-9.2 which enables two (2) or more School Committees to establish joining purchasing agreements between and among themselves.

WHEREAS: The School Committees of the Towns of North Smithfield, Smithfield, Lincoln, Cumberland and Burrillville desire to establish a consortium for the purpose of cooperative service operations pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §16-3.1-1 and for the purpose of joint purchasing and/or sharing goods and services to create greater efficiencies pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws §16-2-9.2.

WHEREAS: Cooperative service operations and joint purchasing of goods and services among multiple school districts with similar needs may result in lowering costs and enhancing student needs.

The School Committee, after due and deliberate consideration, does hereby resolve as follows:

RESOLVED: The Northwest Rhode Island School District Consortium shall be established by the School Committees of the Towns of North Smithfield, Smithfield, Lincoln, Cumberland and Burrillville.

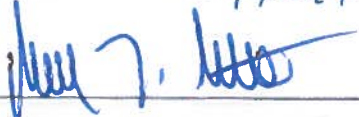
RESOLVED: The consortium shall be established for the purposes of cooperative service operations and joint purchasing of goods and services to create greater efficiencies among School Districts.

RESOLVED: The Cumberland School Committee shall participate in the Northwest Rhode Island School District Consortium for the purposes of entering into cooperative service operations (§16-3.1-1) and joining purchasing of sharing arrangements for goods and services (§16-2-9.2) as provided by and in conformance with applicable state law and hereby directs its Superintendent to provide periodic reports to the School Committee on the status of such activity.

WHERETO: The following bear witness:

DATE ADOPTED: 4/26/2018

PASSED: 6-0



**Raymond T. Salvatore, Chairperson**  
Cumberland School Committee



**Amy B. Goggin, Clerk**  
Cumberland School Committee

**Northwest Rhode Island School District Consortium (NWSC)**

**Career, Technical Education (CTE)**

**Procedures/Guidelines**

Under statutory authority, NWSC comports to Rhode Island General Laws §16-3.1-1 and §16-2-9.2

1. Each district will hold three (3) spots in any program for students from member districts.
2. The tuition for students from member districts will be \$5,000.
3. Each member district will establish a waiting list to draw from in the absence of in-consortium candidates.
4. Each member district will target freshman to complete a 4-year program. Schools will have discretion to all sophomores and juniors to apply and attend depending on the program/student's background.
5. Students will receive diploma from school they attend and also participate in sports/extracurricular activities. Students who return to their district will be subject to the transfer rule for sports participation.

Agreed to by District Superintendents:

  
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Dr. Frank Pallotta, Burrillville

  
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Georgia Fortunato, Lincoln

2/28/18  
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Date

  
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Michael St. Jean, North Smithfield

  
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Dr. Judith Paolucci, Smithfield

  
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Robert Mitchell, Cumberland