



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



May 18, 2023

Lisa Carter
Superintendent of Schools
Regional School District No. 1
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Falls Village, CT 06031

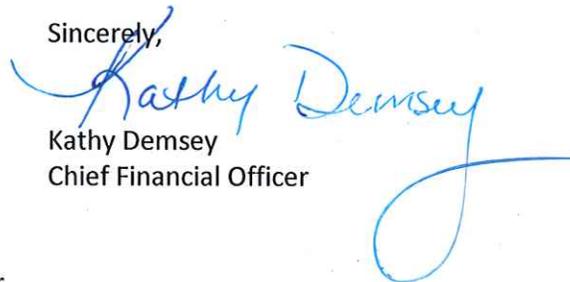
Dear Superintendent Carter:

We have received your May 9, 2023, letter to Commissioner Russell-Tucker requesting approval of a reduction of \$204,975 in Sharon's Minimum Budget Requirement (MBR) due to anticipated efficiencies for the upcoming 2023-24 school year. This request is premature as the determination of whether Sharon is meeting the MBR does not occur until after the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1. Compliance is based on a comparison of Sharon's approved budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23 and the approved budget for FY 2023-24, automatically applied reductions based on any reduction in enrollment count, and any increases or decreases in Sharon's Education Cost Sharing grant between the two years.

At that time if the Department notifies you that Sharon is out of compliance, one of the remedies you have is pursuant to Section 10-262j(4) of the Connecticut General Statutes. This legislation allows a district to seek a waiver from the Commissioner if they can identify new and documentable savings that would justify a reduction in their appropriated budget below the MBR level. This section of statute outlines what type of savings would be eligible for consideration. Please know the expectation is that the savings are not one-time in nature and are related to a change in structure or practice that will result in ongoing savings.

Based on a quick review of the potential savings items you provided, the one most likely to meet the statutory criteria would be the outsourcing of your computer services. If you have any further questions related to the MBR determination process, please contact Kevin Chambers in our Grants Management Office at kevin.chambers@ct.gov or (860) 713-6455.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Demsey".

Kathy Demsey
Chief Financial Officer

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cc: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner
Kevin Chambers, MBR Program Manager
Sam Herrick, School Business Manager