

## Consolidation Study Expectations - Freeport

### Data Collection Template

#### Consolidation Study Parameters

##### Introduction:

Falmouth Public Schools, Freeport Public Schools, M.S.A.D. #51 and Yarmouth Public Schools have decided to review their organizations (administrative and financial operations, programs of studies and governance structures) – for the purpose of ascertaining the advantages and disadvantages of consolidating or combining services of two or more of the school districts. Consultants will be sought to undertake this study. In an effort to provide study parameters to experts who may be interested in this assignment, School Board members and School Leaders from each of the four (4) districts are asked to respond to the following questions. Responses will be consolidated into a *study parameters document* that will be shared to assist consultants/firms in developing their study proposals.

Please provide up to three (3) bulleted responses to the following questions. In thinking about possible consolidation of your district with one or more other districts, what would you hope such consolidation might accomplish in the area of:

##### Student Learning Outcomes?

- Consistency in curriculum and in support systems for students who struggle to meet expectations
- Possibly specialized school programs, i.e. an advanced math/science program paired with university at one site, an intensive integrated literacy skills program at another
- Expand curricular offerings
- Enhanced visual and performing arts offerings
- Vocational offerings could be enhanced
- Larger scale to allow more differentiation, focus-GT/At-Risk/SPED

##### Organizational Efficiencies?

- Consolidated administration
- Single contract for teachers?
- Consolidated professional development
- Regional assessment system
- Administrative expense
- Ability to attract top Administrators and teachers
- School calendar

##### Financial Improvements?

- Administrative structure would be lighter but certainly should be carefully designed to ensure adequate support in each town
- Improved/stable funding scale
- Efficiencies (one finance dept)
- One HR Dept
- One bus “contract”
- Sharing of software/other financial systems
- Economy of Scale

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### Governance Structure?

- One superintendent and an assistant for each town, one school board with reps from each town
- Regional talent for board Members
- Regional governance
- Study a one district model

### Operational Synergies?

Opportunity for regional facilities, program pools, fields, training, AP offerings, SPED, integrate maintenance, shared field space, share permanent substitutes.

What are the areas/items, if any, that you feel are 'off the table' as district consolidation is discussed and explored?

None at this time

Other comments that you would like to share? (the back can also be used for comments)