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TO: Steven Pound, Chair
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FROM: Paula Gravelle, School Finance Coordinator
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Department of Education 

DATE: May 1, 2013

SUBJECT: Amended Certificate of Organization of Regional School Unit No. 1:
Lower Kennebec Region School Unit

In accordance with Private & Special Law 2007, Chapter 25, Section 4, enclosed is the "Amended Certificate of Organization" for Regional School Unit No. 1: Lower Kennebec Region School Unit. This amended certificate is necessary due a change in the cost-sharing formula approved by the member municipalities in a referendum vote. Also enclosed are a copy of the certified referendum results from the Towns of Arrowsic, Bath, Phippsburg, West Bath, and Woolwich; and a copy of the notice of public hearing.

The certificate of organization has also been filed with the Secretary of State.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 624-6790 or email at paula.b.gravelle@maine.gov.



State of Maine
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Amended Certificate of Organization of Regional School Unit No 1:
Lower Kennebec Region School Unit**

Pursuant to Private & Special Law 2007, Chapter 25, (the "Act") entered on the 30th day of April, 2013 an Amended Certificate of Organization is hereby issued to Regional School Unit No. 1: Lower Kennebec Region School Unit including the municipalities of Arrowsic, Bath, Phippsburg, West Bath and Woolwich.

Said Unit shall be managed by a Board of School Directors in accordance with the Act. The method of apportionment of the Board of School Directors selected is in accordance with section 8 of the Act.

The Regional School Unit and its Board of School Directors are subject to and have the powers, duties, benefits and authority conferred by the Act and, to the extent not inconsistent with the Act, the Maine Revised Statutes, Title 20-A, chapter 103-A and other general laws relating to public education and applicable to regional school units.

The member municipalities of Regional School Unit No. 1: Lower Kennebec Region School Unit are required to share costs and issue their warrants for the assessments authorized at the annual budget meeting based on the cost sharing requirements established in the Act and changed per referendum vote on March 19, 2013, including the following:

Step 1. From the total approved budget subtract,

- All budgeted miscellaneous revenues of the RSU (such as tuition receipts, gate receipts, refunds, and carry forward balance); and
 - State debt service subsidy amounts for principal and interest payments.
- to derive the total locally distributable costs of RSU No. 1 under this method.

Step 2. Apportion the locally distributable costs between the RSU No. 1 members based on their most recent calendar year average pupil counts.

Step 3. From each member's apportionment of distributable costs, subtract all State subsidy that RSU No. 1 receives for that member, including special education adjustments for that member but excluding debt service subsidy accounted for in Step 1 above, to derive the share of costs to be raised by that member.

The Board of School Directors of Regional School Unit No. 1: Lower Kennebec Region School Unit elected pursuant to the Act including the municipalities of Arrowsic, Bath, Phippsburg, West Bath and Woolwich was authorized to conduct business in accordance of the terms of the Act effective on the 1st day of July, 2008 by order of the State Board of Education. The Amended Certificate of Organization is delivered to the Board of School Directors, each participating municipality, and a copy of said Certificate, manually signed by the Commissioner of Education, shall be filed and recorded in the office of the Secretary of State.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2013.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

(Seal)

By: _____

Commissioner

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: Allison Jacobs, a resident of Regional School Unit No. 1. In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify the voters of the City of Bath of the Public Hearing described in this Notice of Public Hearing.

TO: THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF BATH (WARDS 1-7):

Take notice that the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 1 shall conduct a Public Hearing in accordance with the following schedule:

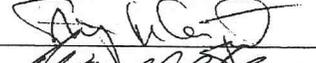
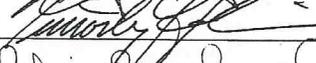
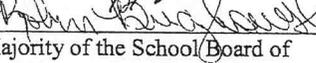
Date	Time	Location of Public Hearing
March 5, 2013	6:00 P.M.	Bath Middle School, 6 Old Brunswick Road in the City of Bath

The Public Hearing shall be conducted on the following article which will be the subject of a referendum vote on March 19, 2013.

Article 1: Shall the method of sharing costs in Regional School Unit No. 1 be changed from the Current Method described below to the Proposed Method described below?

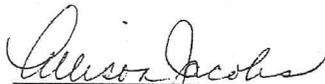
Current Method	Proposed Method
<p>The current method of deriving the share of costs to be raised by each member in Regional School Unit No. 1 is set forth in Private and Special Law 2007, Chapter 25, Section 11, as follows:</p> <p>The local costs of the district must be allocated to the participating members as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Valuation. One-third must be allocated based on the property fiscal capacity of each participating member; 2. Pupil count. One-third must be allocated based on the most recent calendar year average pupil count of each participating member; and 3. Population. One-third must be allocated based on the population of each participating member as determined by the latest Federal Decennial Census or Federal Estimated Census. 	<p>The proposed method of sharing costs in Regional School Unit No. 1 is as follows:</p> <p>Step 1. From the total approved budget, subtract</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all budgeted miscellaneous revenues of the RSU (such as tuition receipts, gate receipts, refunds, and carry forward balance); and • State debt service subsidy amounts for principal and interest payments (currently, debt service subsidy amounts for the Vocational Center and Woolwich Central School) <p>to derive the total locally distributable costs of RSU No. 1 under this method.</p> <p>Step 2. Apportion the locally distributable costs between the RSU No. 1 members based on their most recent calendar year average pupil counts.</p> <p>Step 3. From each member's apportionment of distributable costs, subtract all State subsidy that RSU No. 1 receives for that member, including special education adjustments for that member but excluding debt service subsidy accounted for in Step 1 above, to derive the share of costs to be raised by that member.</p>

Signed and dated at Bath, on January 28, 2013.





 Majority of the School Board of
 Regional School Unit No. 1


 Alan L. Walton


A true copy of the Notice of Public Hearing, attest:


 Allison Jacobs, Resident of
 Regional School Unit No. 1

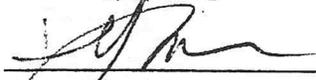
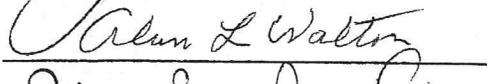
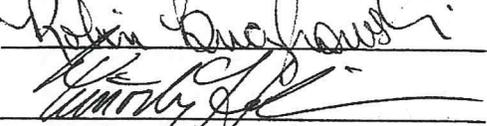
REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 1
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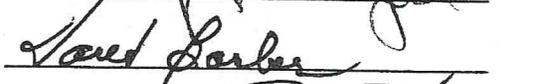
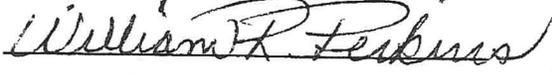
The total number of votes cast in all of the municipalities within the Regional School Unit No. 1 (the "RSU") in the affirmative on Article 1 of the Warrant and Notice of Election of the RSU Referendum held March 19, 2013, relating to amending the cost sharing formula of Regional School Unit No. 1 is 580, and the total number of votes cast in all of the municipalities in the RSU in the negative on said Article is 138, said votes being computed as follows:

	AFFIRMATIVE	NEGATIVE
Town of Arrowsic	<u>82</u>	<u>1</u>
City of Bath	<u>190</u>	<u>6</u>
Town of Phippsburg	<u>270</u>	<u>2</u>
Town of West Bath	<u>17</u>	<u>68</u>
Town of Woolwich	<u>21</u>	<u>61</u>
TOTAL	<u>580</u>	<u>138</u>

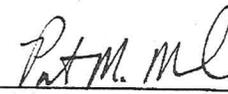
The School Board hereby declares that there were **more/less** votes cast in the affirmative than in the negative on said Article and finds that said Article has **passed/failed**.

Dated: 4/8/2013


 Adam L. Walton

 Robin Duchowski





 William R. Perkins

A majority of the School Board of Regional School Unit No. 1

A true copy, attest: 
 Patrick Manuel, Secretary