

# ALTERNATIVE PLAN SUBMITTAL SHEET

School Administrative Unit Submitting Alternative Plan:

- SAD 8 Vinalhaven Island

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**The intent to submit an alternative plan has been approved by the Commissioner in the approval of the Notice of Intent?**

YES       NO

(If NO, please explain.)

Initial Receipt  Revision (Version # \_\_\_\_\_)

Received: 11 / 29 / 07

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Commissioner Response

Approved       Revise & Return

Returned to SAU:    /   /   

Revisions due to Department:    /   /   

Initial Plan Received (if revision):    /   /

## Alternative Plan Cover Sheet

(Please attach Alternative Plan as Exhibit A)

Plan Requirements				
Item	Complete	In Progress	Not Yet Started	Need Assistance <sup>1</sup>
Plan addresses how the SAU will reorganize administrative functions, duties and noninstructional personnel so that projected expenditures of RSU in fiscal 2008-2009 for the following areas will not have an adverse impact on the instructional program.				
<b>system administration</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>transportation</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>special education</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>facilities and maintenance</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Plan addresses how cost savings will be achieved in fiscal 2008-2009 for the above four areas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parameters for Plan Development				
Enrollment meets requirements (2,500 except where circumstances justify an exception)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When viewed in conjunction with surrounding proposed units, may not result in one or more municipalities being denied the option to join an RSU	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Includes at least one publicly supported high school	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Consistent with policies set forth in section 1451	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No displacement of teachers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No displacement of students	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
No closures of schools existing or operating during school year immediately preceding reorganization, except as permitted under section 1512	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Collaborative Agreements				
			Yes	No
Does your plan currently include information/documentation on collaborative agreements? <i>(not required, but encouraged)</i>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

<sup>1</sup> Please explain what assistance you need to complete this portion of your plan, and state from whom you need assistance, on the next page.



**SAD 8 Vinalhaven Alternative Plan**

**Submitted November 27, 2007  
by  
SAD # 8 School Board**

**Superintendent  
George Joseph**

SAD 8, Vinalhaven is submitting this Alternative Plan as allowed under the law as an offshore island.

In order to align with the intent of the State's Policy objectives, SAD 8 proposes to adopt the following goals as our Alternative Plan to meet these stated goals:

1. Administrative functions:

- a. Vinalhaven will examine its administrative and non-instructional personnel services and discuss possible collaborative arrangements with other island schools and more specifically North Haven.

2. Transportation:

Presently, Vinalhaven has one bus and contracts our entire off island transportation and service work with SAD 5.

- a. We will continue to utilize SAD 5 for all of our off island transportation and service work.
- b. Collaborating with SAD 5 for these services has already allowed us to eliminate the need for a second bus and the additional expenses associated with owning a second bus. Using SAD 5 services has also eliminated the expense of ferrying our bus to and from the mainland.
- c. We will also examine all of our off island trips for co-curricular activities to see if savings can also be found in this area.

3. Special Education:

Presently, Vinalhaven has two special education teachers and contracts for all other professional special education services; i.e. psychological services, physical therapy, and speech and OT services.

- a. Through our collaborative agreement with North Haven and other island schools we will explore the opportunities to see if any savings can be discovered in hiring personnel and sharing these staff as opposed to contracting for these services independently.

4. Facilities and Maintenance:

Vinalhaven has a new school and has negotiated service contracts with off island vendors for all of its major systems.

- a. Vinalhaven will continue to use these vendors because there are no contractors on island that can service the school.
- b. Vinalhaven is committed to proper maintenance of its facility and will continue to budget and maintain the school to assure that there is no deferred maintenance cost for future budgets.

Additional Steps to Achieve Goals:

As part of a previously agreed upon collaborative agreement with the other off shore island schools Vinalhaven will continue to pursue further collaborative relationships as listed below.

**MAINE ISLAND SCHOOL COLLABORATIVE**

Vinalhaven will participate, to the extent feasible, in the Maine Islands School Collaborative with the goal of sharing services, resources, and expertise to maintain and promote the excellence of island education. Vinalhaven will partner with these schools and the Island Institute to develop proposals for sharing services, such as:

- Fiscal management
- Technology and data processing
- Library services
- Insurance coverage
- Energy conservation and management
- Staff development
- Curriculum development
- Student testing and evaluation
- Low-incidence special education services
- Bulk purchasing of supplies
- Distance Learning
- Student inter-island programming

**Activities:**

1. Representatives from each of the participating islands will meet twice a year to discuss and review existing organizational structures.
2. Inter-Island professional development activities will be planned on an on-going basis.
3. On-going conversations and cooperative agreements with neighboring mainland school systems will be fostered & encouraged.