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Susan A. Gendron, Commissioner
Department of Education
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Dear Commissioner Gendron:

I have been asked by the Veazie School Department to provide you with an update in regard to our regionalization process. On November 30, 2007 we sent a letter requesting a 60-day extension to give us the necessary time to reassess our options for regionalization. Since then, the Orono School Committee passed a motion to pursue a regionalization plan that includes the communities of Veazie, Orono and Glenburn.

At a recently held community meeting, our public gave us a clear indication that the Veazie, Glenburn, Orono proposed RSU was their preferred choice. At our January 24, 2008 school committee meeting, a motion was passed to pursue a reorganization plan that included a partnership with Veazie, Glenburn and Orono.

As you are well aware, your department endorsed a letter of intent including Orono, Veazie and Glenburn submitted in conjunction with the October 1st deadline. Our community, as well as the Veazie School Committee, is excited to pursue this direction and is confident that we will be able to work on a finalized plan with our partners in an expedient manner.

Please feel free to call if you require further clarification.

Sincerely,



Kelly R. Clenchy
Superintendent of Schools
Veazie School District