

***Durham, Freeport, Pownal
Reorganization Planning Committee (RPC)
Wednesday, May 14, 2008
7:00-9:00pm
Durham Elementary School~Durham***

Agenda

A. Review of previous meeting minutes (2 minutes)

B. Review of public questions from previous meeting (2 minutes)

C. Public Comments and Questions (10 minutes)

D. Discussion of the Plan (70 minutes)

Guiding questions:

What would be the desired future of education in the each Town and how would this be achieved? **How does consolidation help to achieve this? How not? Why would the community want to consolidate?**

What does each Town value/ or see that they gain in the **current** proposed consolidation?

If there wasn't this law, how **would** might the three districts come together? **What are the alternatives? How would Jen Kaplan's proposed plan address the needs?**

What would be the future impacts on communities and education with the alternative methods?

What have we learned from this discussion that can make the work of the RPC better?

E. Review from Finance Committee (15 minutes)

F. Discussion on the proposed process for amending the cost sharing formula (15 minutes)

G. RPC Wrap-up (15 minutes)

Agenda setting - next meeting subcommittee work on proposed changes to plan due to law and discussion

Agreement on meeting schedule

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**DURHAM, FREEPORT, POWNAL
REORGANIZATION PLANNING COMMITTEE (RPC)**

PROPOSED SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION
MAY 21, 2008	Freeport
MAY 28, 2008	Pownal
JUNE 4, 2008	Durham
JUNE 18, 2008	Freeport
JULY 2, 2008	Pownal

JULY and AUGUST and SEPTEMBER to Be Determined no later than July 2, 2008

This anticipates a heavy work schedule. There will need to be clarity as to whether the RPC wants to complete the work of the current plan, which may be able to be completed with this schedule. If the RPC wants a refiled notice of intent to allow work on an Alternative Organizational Structure (AOS) this time frame could address the work that will needed to be done for the AOS and what parts of the current plan that will be included in the AOS plan.

For either purpose there is work on cost sharing, cost saving, debt, governance, procedures for amending the plan, final rewriting of the transition plans, as an example, that will need subcommittee work and then full committee discussion and acceptance. As a proposal, the RPC might want to dedicate the 21st to finalize discussion on which direction to take--- amending and completing the existing plan or developing an AOS plan. Then the work of the next meetings could be focused to achieve the desired outcome.

Also, depending on the direction that the RPC wishes to take, a timeline that sets a tentative date for a referendum and back planning from that date, will need to be established. Considerations as to the referendum date include the time needed to complete the work, time for a transition School Board to be elected and to do there work to have a budget adopted and the new RSU prepared to begin on July 1, 2009.