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Date 3/22/78

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Approved By

Secretary of the Office of Policy & Mgmt

Date APR 6 1978

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Chairman

Executive Director

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Approved as to Form

Deputy Attorney General

Date APR 10 1978
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Arnold
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January 5, 1978

Dr. Arnold Boyington
Board of Trustees
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P. O. Box 2008
New Britain, Conn. 06050

Dear Arnold:

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Sincerely,

Wayne G. Dudley
Asth. Supt.

WGD:m
enc.
**Interdepartment Message**

STO-200 REV. 5/73

**NAME**  | **TITLE**               | **DATE**    
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Bernard F. McGovern, Jr. | Assistant Attorney General | January 6, 1978 
Attorney General

**From**  

Arnold W. Boynton  
Board of Trustees-State Colleges

**AGENCY**  

30 Trinity Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06115

**ADDRESS**  

137-7700

**TELEPHONE**  

**SUBJECT**  

Noble School (Town of Windham) - Amendment to terminate contract.

Herewith an original signature copy of Windham Board of Education minutes of October 26, 1977 in which authorization is given for the signing of the subject amendment.

The amendment itself was submitted about a fortnight ago to the Office of Policy and Management for approval and should be arriving at your office shortly. Please merge the enclosed minutes with the amendment for the purpose of review by your office.

Thank you,

Arnold W. Boynton
Associate for Audit and Fiscal Affairs

**AWB/ea**  

Encl.

**SAVE TIME:** Handwritten messages are acceptable. Use carbon if you really need a copy. If typewritten, ignore faint lines.
November 8, 1977

Dr. Thomas J. Pepe
Superintendent of Schools
Windham Public Schools
322 Prospect Street
Willimantic, CT 06226

Dear Dr. Pepe:

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On November 7, 1977 the Board of Trustees for State Colleges approved the contract amendment, which distributes payment of the $200,148.49 indebtedness over five annual installments, the final installment having been increased from $16,036.20 to $20,148.49.

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cc: Mrs. Rita Cantor, Chairwoman, Windham Board of Education
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Salary of four classroom teachers paid by Town 1975-1976: $37,625.00

Total deductions: $48,967.69

Net obligation of Town of Windham: $261,507.06

Less, Payment of June 8, 1977: $61,358.57

Balance owed by Town of Windham as of July 1, 1977: $200,148.49

8/29/77
Computation of 1974-1975 Audit Adjustment
Town of Windham Laboratory School Contract

1974-1975 Natchaug School expense per Windham Public Schools Purchase Order 9/14/76

Add, Miscellaneous Non-Personal Services adjustments per audit

Total Cost

Divided by Natchaug School average daily attendance

(10/1/74, 423 + 5/1/75, 403 = 826 / 2 = 413)

Per pupil cost, Natchaug School

Multiplied by Noble School average daily attendance

(10/1/74, 302 + 5/1/75, 311 = 613 / 2 = 306.5)

Reimbursement payable to State

Paid 7/30/76

Due to State per audit

360,819.05

4,394.05

365,213.10

884.29

271,034.89

263,661.44

7,373.45
October 31, 1977

Dr. James A. Frost, Executive Director
Board of Trustees for the State Colleges
P.O. Box 2008
New Britain, CT 06050

Dear Dr. Frost:

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 26, 1977, the Windham Board of Education voted to authorize the Chairwoman and the Secretary of the Board to sign the revised Amendment to Contract Between the State of Connecticut and the Town of Windham.

The Board of Education is most pleased that you will be approaching your Board of Trustees to approve the proposed amendment which allows for a fifth year for payment of our tuition debt to the State. It would certainly be a most welcome relief in these days when we are forced to operate with severe budget cuts and restraints.

We anxiously await to hear the outcome of your November 4th meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Pepe
Superintendent of Schools
for
The Windham Board of Education
October 13, 1977

Dr. Thomas J. Pepe
Superintendent of Schools
Windham Public Schools
322 Prospect Street
Willimantic, Connecticut 06226

Dear Dr. Pepe:

In response to your letter of October 3, 1977, it appears that we can comply with your request for a deferment to the fifth year of the additional amount, determined by audit, which is due to the State for the operation of the F.R. Noble School.

Therefore, I will recommend to our Board of Trustees, on November 4, 1977, that they approve the proposed amendment to the September 2, 1959 agreement with provision for the following annual payments which total $257,394.77:

On or before June 30, 1977 $61,358.57 (Paid)
On or before June 30, 1978 60,000.00
On or before June 30, 1979 60,000.00
On or before June 30, 1980 60,000.00
On or before June 30, 1981 16,036.20

It would be appreciated if you would proceed forthwith to seek the approval of the Windham Board of Education for the amendment as presently agreed upon by our respective offices. Other than for the changes necessitated by the extension of the payment period to five years, do you find the format of the proposed amendment to be acceptable?

Very truly yours,

James A. Frost
Executive Director

cc: President Webb
Audit adjustments – prior year costs per pupil:  

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Reimbursement owed for 1975-1976, per audit  

| $292,412.76 |

Total audited obligation of Town of Windham – per contract provisions  

| $306,362.46 |

Deductions:  

Salary of special education teacher paid by Town:  

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<td><strong>$11,342.69</strong></td>
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Salaries of four classroom teachers paid by Town 1975-1976  

| $27,625.00 |

Total deductions  

| $48,967.69 |

Net obligation of Town of Windham  

| $257,394.77 |

Less, payment of June 8, 1977  

| $61,358.57 |

Balance owed by Town of Windham as of July 1, 1977  

| $196,036.20 |
October 3, 1977

Dr. James A. Frost, Executive Director  
State of Connecticut  
Board of Trustees for the State Colleges  
P.O. Box 2008  
New Britain, CT 06050

Dear Dr. Frost:

RE: Noble School

I have received your letter of September 13, 1977 outlining the computation of the amount owed by the Windham Board of Education as of July 1, 1977. The net obligation of $257,394.77 far exceeds what we had anticipated in charges as we had calculated our charges to be about $240,000.

Windham continues to be faced with severe budgetary problems and unanticipated expenses. In the 1976-77 fiscal year, our school budget was cut $277,967, necessitating the termination of nine (9) staff members, the closing of a school, and the shutting down of school facilities to community use. It now appears that our proposed budget will be cut again for the coming school year.

I would like to explore with you the possibility of increasing the time payment from the agreed upon four (4) years to five (5) years. The fifth year payment would be the unanticipated amount owed to the State because of the audit, or approximately $17,000.

Sincerely yours,

TJP:SR

Thomas J. Pepe
Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Thomas J. Pepe  
Superintendent of Schools  
Windham Public Schools  
322 Prospect Street  
Willimantic, Connecticut 06226

Dear Dr. Pepe:

Recently, Mr. Arnold Boynton of our staff met with Mr. Wayne Dudley to review several questions pertaining to the termination of the contract between the Town of Windham and the State of Connecticut for the operation of the laboratory school by Eastern Connecticut State College. It is my understanding that, with one possible exception, they were in agreement concerning the disposition of these questions.

The exception is a deduction of $2,338.97 from the Town's indebtedness to the State, the cost of fringe benefits for teachers who were employed by the Windham Public Schools to complete the staffing of the F.R. Noble School for the 1975-1976 school year. Inasmuch as fringe benefits have never been included in the annual cost computation, I would recommend that this item not be identified as a cost deductible from the 1975-1976 billing to the Town of Windham. The accompanying statement shows the factors used in determining the balance of $196,046.20 which we believe is now owed to the State of Connecticut by the Town of Windham, the fringe benefit factor being excluded.

Also enclosed is a copy of the amendment proposed for the termination of the laboratory school contract. If the amendment format and the payment schedule and amounts are satisfactory in your opinion, I would suggest that we present the matter to our respective boards and seek their authorization to finalize this transaction.

Very truly yours,

James A. Frost  
Executive Director

JAF/ea  
Encl.

cc: Mrs. Rita Cantor, Chairman  
Windham Board of Education  
Dr. Charles R. Webb, President  
Eastern Connecticut State College  
Mr. James C. Poloshian, Chief  
Budget Section
April 13, 1976

Mrs. Rita Cantor, Chairwoman
Winchow Board of Education
322 Prospect Street
Willimantic, Connecticut 06226

Dear Mrs. Cantor:

This is in further response to your letter of November 10, 1975, in which you requested that the tuition reimbursement to the State due in 1976-77 for the 1975-76 operation of the P. R. Noble School be forgiven. While we are aware of the tenacious fiscal situation in the Town of Winchow and the added burden you face in assuming full operational costs of the school in 1976-77, we are also painfully aware of the severe fiscal situation which the State of Connecticut faces. For this reason, we cannot consider a forgiveness of tuition which is revenue to the State of Connecticut.

In order, however, to ease the fiscal impact upon the 1976-77 town budget to the extent possible, we are willing to accept, at most, a proration of the 1976-77 tuition reimbursement of some $260,000 to $270,000 in four equal shares to be paid over the four year period 1976-77 through 1979-80. This would reduce the additional financial burden of approximately $350,000 on the Town of Winchow by some 56% in 1976-77. In addition, we would request that a legal agreement between the appropriate town officials and the representatives of the Eastern Connecticut State College and the Board of Trustees for State Colleges be drawn up to formalize any agreed-to arrangements for tuition payments.

If you or other town representatives have questions or should require additional information, please call me or James Poleshian of the Budget and Management Division at 566-4545.

Very truly yours,

Jay O. Tepper
Commissioner

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