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Dear Mr. Caron:

The Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) would like to commend the Chester, Deep River, Essex, and Regional School District No. 4 Boards of Education for their collaborative process which led to the establishment of a Joint Board of Education meeting structure. CABE would also like to recognize the efforts of the Board Reorganization Committee. I understand though Nick Caruso, our Senior Staff Associate, this committee worked very conscientiously to plan the joint meeting structure.

This new structure provides a means to "engage all students in a rigorous, challenging, and cohesive educational program" as affirmed in your Mission Statement. Quality Boards of Education focus on collaboration, goal-setting, and policy development. The joint meeting structure is certainly consistent with CABE's focus on boards implementing appropriate means of implementing of increasing student achievement. We understand that the structure will help do this for the children of Chester, Deep River, and Essex.

The Boards of Education meeting design is a crucial initial step in the development of governance practices to support the development of a cohesive educational program, a fundamental condition for educational excellence.

We commend all your hard work in this important endeavor and wish all the leadership teams involved in this undertaking the best of success!

Sincerely yours,

Robert Rader
Executive Director