

Connecticut River Collaborative

Guidance on tasks, priorities, and division of labor for the First Draft of the Articles of Agreement

Items that the Collaborative Should Discuss First

1. Name of District
2. Member Districts
3. School Board Members and Other District Officers
4. Responsibility for Grades
5. Description of Properties to be Acquired (include general location of any proposed new schools, if any)
6. Designation of Interim School Board

Items that Financial Experts Should Advise on First (maybe with some guidance from board to start with)

7. Apportionment of Operating Expenses (time and manner of payments of such shares)
8. Assumption of Indebtedness
9. Apportionment of Capital Expenses (can be different from operating expenses & include time and manner of payments of such shares)
10. Allocation of State Aid from NH and VT
11. Tuition of Students

Items that Administrators or Legal Could Advise on First and then Reviewed by Board

12. Amendments to Articles of Agreement (must be approved by both state boards)
13. Conduct of Meetings
14. Annual Meeting
15. Administrative and Supervisory Jurisdiction
16. Duration
17. Election Procedures
18. Calculation of Share Debt Service

Address Later in Process

19. Date of Operating Responsibility (a proposed program for the assumption of operating responsibility for education by the proposed interstate school district and for any construction needed (dates may be varied by vote by interstate school district as needed)
20. Transportation of Students
21. Program of Studies, Student Assessment, Standards
22. Special Education
23. Student County for Vermont Students in Grades 11 & 12
24. Transitional Provisions Regarding Teachers
25. Professional Audit of Financial Records