

**DECLARATION OF FORMATION OF CONNECTICUT RIVER COLLABORATIVE  
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

NOW COMES, the Vermont Secretary of Education Daniel M. French, and the New Hampshire Commissioner of Education Frank Edelblut and, pursuant to the New Hampshire-Vermont Interstate School Compact, 16 V.S.A. § 772(A) and N.H. Rev. Stat. § 200-B:II(A), hereby declares as follows:

WHEREAS it is the express goal of both the State of New Hampshire and the State of Vermont to increase the educational opportunities for children within both states by creating interstate school districts; and

WHEREAS such interstate school districts have been expressly authorized by the Congress of the United States of America, New Hampshire-Vermont Interstate School Compact, Pub. L. No. 91-21 (1969); and

WHEREAS the formation of an interstate school district between the Canaan School District, which is organized within the Essex North Supervisory Union, and the School Administrative Unit #7, which is comprised of the school districts located in Clarksville, Colebrook, Columbia, Pittsburg, and Stewartstown, New Hampshire may create new educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS the districts have formed an informal interstate school planning committee that they wish to formalize through the creation of a statutorily authorized interstate school planning committee;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Connecticut River Collaborative Planning Committee is hereby established, with all the rights, duties and responsibilities pertaining thereto

as provided in 16 V.S.A. § 772(A) and N.H. Rev. Stat. § 200-B:II. The founding members of the Planning Committee will be as follows:

From Essex North Supervisory Union:

Frank Sawicki, community member from Canaan, Vermont;  
Daniel Wade, Board Chairman for the Canaan School District;  
Laurent Giroux, community member from Canaan, Vermont;  
Sharon Ellingwood-White, Board Member for the NEK Choice School District; and  
Miles Etter, Board Chairman for the NEK Choice School District

From School Administrative Unit #7:

Sheli Aldridge, community member from Clarksville, New Hampshire;  
Michel Dionne, Board Chairman for the Clarksville School Board;  
Sally Biron, community member from Colebrook, New Hampshire;  
Brian LaPerle, Board Chairman for the Colebrook School Board;  
Kristin Brooks, community member from Columbia, New Hampshire;  
Chris Brady, Board Chairman for the Columbia School Board;  
Sandra Cabrera, community member from Columbia, New Hampshire;  
Lindsey Gray, Board Member of the Pittsburg School Board;  
Billie Paquette, Board Member of the Pittsburg School Board;  
David Covill, community member from Pittsburg, New Hampshire;  
Kyle Daley, community member from Stewartstown, New Hampshire;  
Phil Pariseau, Board Chairman of the Stewartstown School Board; and  
Don Tase, community member from Colebrook, New Hampshire.

Where a majority vote is required in order for the Planning Committee to take action, only the following members' votes will be counted towards reaching the required majority:

**Vermont Members:**

Frank Sawicki, community member from Canaan, Vermont;

Daniel Wade, Board Chairman for the Canaan School District;

Laurent Giroux, community member from Canaan, Vermont;

Sharon Ellingwood-White, Board Member for the NEK Choice School District; and

Miles Etter, Board Chairman for the NEK Choice School District.

**New Hampshire Members:**

Michel Dionne, Board Chairman for the Clarksville School Board;

Brian LaPerle, Board Chairman for the Colebrook School Board;

Chris Brady, Board Chairman for the Columbia School Board;

Lindsey Gray, Board Member of the Pittsburg School Board; and

Phil Pariseau, Board Chairman of the Stewartstown School Board.

Collectively, these members shall be referred to as the "Voting Members" of the Planning Committee. All other members shall be deemed "Non-Voting Members," who may provide input on a particular action, but whose votes will not be counted towards a majority. The purpose of this voting mechanism is to ensure that both Vermont and New Hampshire have equal votes in any decision the Planning Committee may make.

Any vacancy on the Planning Committee must be filled by submitting the new member's name to both the Vermont Secretary of Education and the New Hampshire Commissioner of Education. That person shall become a member of the Planning Committee only if both the Secretary and Commissioner vote in favor of the person's appointment. If the new member is

replacing an outgoing voting member, then the new member will be deemed a “Voting Member.”  
Otherwise, the new member will be deemed a “Non-Voting Member.”

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Vermont, this \_\_ day of  
November, 2019.

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Daniel M. French  
Secretary of Education  
The State of Vermont

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of New Hampshire, this \_\_ day of  
November, 2019.

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Frank Edelblut  
Commissioner of Education  
The State of New Hampshire