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Re: November 2026 Ballot Question -- Bloomsbury Joining the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District

Dear Colleagues and Municipal Leaders,

I am writing to provide you with an advance copy of a ballot question that is expected to appear before voters within your respective school districts and municipalities this November. I wanted to make sure you had this information well ahead of time, and I am happy to answer any questions as they arise.

As you may know, high school students from the Borough of Bloomsbury began attending North Hunterdon High School this past school year through a sending-receiving agreement. Both the Bloomsbury Board of Education and the North Hunterdon Voorhees Board have since passed resolutions supporting the submission of a referendum that would allow Bloomsbury to join the regional district as a constituent member.

A joint application was submitted to the Hunterdon County Office of Education in June 2026 seeking authorization for this referendum. The application was supported by an independent feasibility study completed in October 2025 by Statistical Forecasting LLC, John Kazmark, Ed.D., and School Financial Management Strategies, LLC. The feasibility study examined the financial, educational, and demographic implications of this proposal. Among its findings, the study projects continued modest tax savings for all communities, confirms that the existing tax apportionment formula (100% equalized valuation) should remain unchanged, and notes that North Hunterdon High School has sufficient capacity to continue serving Bloomsbury's students, as it already is doing.

We have since received approval from the Commissioner of Education to place the referendum before voters on the November general election ballot. Below is the referendum question as it is expected to appear on the November 2026 ballot:

"Shall the Board of Education of the Bloomsbury School District be permitted to join the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District as a constituent member with the tax apportionment formula to remain 100% on each municipality's equalized valuation allocated to the regional district as provided by state law and with the membership of the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional Board of Education to be expanded to 13 members with such membership to be apportioned utilizing the same methodology currently utilized by the North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional Board of Education."

Under N.J.S.A. 18A:13-5 and -43, to pass, the referendum requires approval by a majority of voters across the existing twelve constituent communities *as a whole*, as well as a majority of voters in Bloomsbury.

The Board of Education would expand from 12 to 13 members using the same apportionment methodology currently in place. For your information, the following would be the board membership, only slightly different from the current apportionment:

- Bethlehem Township and Hampton Borough: 1 representative (elected at-large)
- Union Township and Bloomsbury: 2 representatives (elected at-large)
- Califon Borough and Tewksbury Township: 2 representatives (elected at-large)
- Clinton Township and Lebanon Borough: 4 representatives (elected at-large)
- High Bridge Borough and Lebanon Township: 2 representatives (elected at-large)
- Town of Clinton, Franklin Township, and Glen Gardner Borough: 2 representatives (elected at-large)

I am happy to share the full feasibility study with you or your staff if you have not already received a copy. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or would like to discuss this further. I am available by phone or email, and glad to schedule a meeting at your convenience.

Thank you for your time, and as always, for your partnership on behalf of the students and families in our communities.

Sincerely,

Jenniffer Marycz, Ed.D.

Chief School Administrator

cc: *Superintendents/Chief School Administrators, Constituent K–8 Districts
(Bethlehem Township, Califon Borough, Town of Clinton, Clinton Township,
Franklin Township, Glen Gardner Borough, Hampton Borough, High Bridge Borough,
Lebanon Borough, Lebanon Township, Tewksbury Township, Union Township)
Mayors of the above twelve municipalities
Mayor, Borough of Bloomsbury*