

Senior Deputy Commissioner Office of Education Policy

February 18, 2021

Mr. Michael Gill Superintendent of Schools Elmira Heights Central School District 2083 College Avenue Elmira Heights, NY 14903

Dear Mr. Gill:

As you are aware, James Frame has announced his retirement to his Board effective April 10, 2021 and, accordingly, we anticipate a vacancy in the position of District Superintendent of the Sole Supervisory District of Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany Counties and BOCES.

In accordance with Section 2201 of the Education Law, we are conducting a survey of the Supervisory District and those contiguous to determine whether any redistricting might be made that would better serve the educational needs of the region.

To assist in completing the survey for the Commissioner, we would appreciate your comments and opinions on each of the following options, or some combination thereof, relative to the Supervisory District and BOCES, with reference to BOCES programs, finance, transportation, size, enrollments, component districts, District Superintendent workload, etc.

- OPTION I Make no change in the Sole Supervisory District of Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany Counties and BOCES.
- OPTION II Transfer school district(s) from a contiguous Supervisory District to the Sole Supervisory District of Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany Counties and BOCES. (Please indicate which districts, if any, should be considered for transfer and the rationale.)
- OPTION III Transfer school district(s) now in the Sole Supervisory District of Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany Counties and BOCES to a neighboring Supervisory District(s). (Please provide details as appropriate – for or against.)
- OPTION IV Merge the Sole Supervisory District of Schuyler-Steuben-Chemung-Tioga-Allegany Counties and BOCES with a contiguous Supervisory District. (Be as specific and comprehensive as possible, stating rationale for or against such a consideration.)

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Your assessment of the potential of these four options will be most helpful in developing our report to the Commissioner. Please provide as much detail as necessary to fully support your assessment. You are encouraged to review the survey process and these options with your Board and include their initial comments, as appropriate.

Your early response will expedite the survey process and help the Commissioner decide whether further study is required. Please direct such communications electronically to me (<u>John.DAgati@nysed.gov</u>) and Kathy Vincent (<u>Kathy.Vincent@nysed.gov</u>) by **March 11, 2021**.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

John L. D'Agati