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Kelly R. Clenchy, Superintendent
Orono School Department
18 Goodridge Drive
Orono, ME 04473

Dear Superintendent Clenchy:

Thank you for your letter dated January 24, 2008 in which you provided an update on the Orono School Department's actions in the school administrative reorganization process.

I have determined that the Orono School Department took action to withdraw from proposed RSU 16 without performing due diligence as required in P.L. 2007, Chapter 240, Section XXXX-36(6)(A)(7). For further clarification, I encourage you and your legal counsel to review the full language of the law, found at: <http://www.maine.gov/education/supportingschools/reorglaw.html>.

The Department stands ready to convene a meeting to provide necessary financial information to the SAUs in the reorganization plan submitted by proposed RSU 16 on December 4, 2007. I hope this will assist in furthering conversations among the SAUs in the region.

I encourage you to contact Ray Poulin and Norm Higgins of our Reorganization Team for more information and to further consult on this issue. They may be reached at 624-6802.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan A. Gendron".

Susan A. Gendron
Commissioner of Education

cc: David Walker, Superintendent, Old Town School Department
Alan Smith, Superintendent, Union 90
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