

School Administrative Unit 50
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AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Portsmouth School Department, with a principal place of business at Clough Drive, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, is an education agency that developed and operates an alternative high school program known as PASS; and

WHEREAS, SAU #50, with a principal place of business at Greenland, New Hampshire, services education for towns of Greenland, New Castle, Newington and Rye; and

WHEREAS, the Portsmouth School Department operates extensive special educational programs at the Portsmouth High School; and

WHEREAS, high school students from the towns of Greenland, New Castle and Newington and Rye attend the Portsmouth High School pursuant to the Portsmouth Authorized Regional Enrollment Area Plan Among the School District of Greenland, New Castle, Newington and Rye, New Hampshire (AREA Agreement, as amended by vote of the districts in March 1971 and further amended in September 1993); and

WHEREAS, the towns of Greenland, New Castle, Newington and Rye are members of SAU #50; and

WHEREAS, the parties intend to formalize the admissions process and related issues for PASS and certain special education costs;

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. In-district vacancies for the PASS Program (the use of the term "in-district" shall apply to SAU #50 students for the purpose of this agreement) will be determined by an admissions committee consisting of the following:

Director of Special Education in Portsmouth
High School Administrator for PASS Program
Director of Clipper Health
High School Special Education Department Head
High School Guidance Department Head
SAU #50 Director of Pupil Services

2. The admissions committee shall meet at least once each quarter to determine the admission of students and the management of the waiting list. SAU #50 and Portsmouth School Department students will be admitted into the PASS program according to their need relative to all the referrals from the High School. In no event shall admission be based upon the proportion of SAU #50 or Portsmouth students at the High School.



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3. The PASS program is funded by tuition revenues from sending districts for the out-of-district spaces in the program and by an annual contribution derived from Portsmouth's designated revenue fund for special education. SAU #50 shall contribute to the funding of the PASS program by a payment equal to the proportion of SAU #50 students attending the High School. The proportionate share of SAU #50 for the PASS program shall be determined at the time tuition is calculated pursuant to the AREA agreement. The proportion shall apply to Portsmouth's direct funding of the program from its designated funds.
4. SAU #50 shall not be billed additional tuition fees beyond the AREA agreement for students identified as having an educational disability unless the student's IEP team, which will include an LEA representative from the applicable school district of SAU #50, agrees in writing that the student requires extraordinary equipment or services. Extraordinary equipment or services includes, but is not limited to, 1:1 aide, teacher, tutor, interpreter or nurse. If the Portsmouth School Department identifies an equipment or service as extraordinary, it will notify the Director of Pupil Services for SAU #50 in writing.
5. This agreement shall take effect July 1, 2001. Any SAU 50 student enrolled in the PASS program at the time that this agreement takes effect, will be subject to the terms of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties, through their respective school boards, upon proper authorization at a legally posted meeting, have authorized their chairperson to execute and sign this agreement.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2000.

PORTSMOUTH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

By: _____

GREENLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: [Signature]

NEW CASTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: [Signature]

NEWINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: [Signature]

RYE SCHOOL DISTRICT

By: [Signature]