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CC: Lincoln-Sudbury RHS School Committee, Lincoln Public Schools School Committee, and Sudbury Public Schools School Committee

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The Sudbury Board of Selectmen seeks to work with the Lincoln Board of Selectmen and our three collective school districts to advance our joint interest in improving the education of all our students. The Sudbury BOS proposes the establishment of a joint committee to explore options that may include better supports for coordination across the districts, shared services or positions across the districts, changes in district administrative structures, or changes in district governance structures.

The Sudbury BOS requests the opportunity to discuss the potential for creating a committee that would conduct a collaborative, informed, and long-term exploration of these issues. Together, our boards may consider a joint mission, committee composition, and plans for the gathering of data and public input.

We in Sudbury are very proud of our schools, which provide an excellent education to our students. Nonetheless, especially in a challenging time for all municipalities, we feel compelled to find creative and forward-thinking ways to improve these services.

We see potential opportunities to move our districts forward as follows:

- *To enhance the education of all students through better alignment of curriculum and instructional practices.* Examples might include increased harmonization of curriculum mapping and shared professional development to strengthen the preK-12 educational experience.
- *To improve special education services including programming, planning, and budgeting.* Our most vulnerable students would benefit from more intensive long-term planning and smoother transitions.

- *To better facilitate successful student transitions for all students across all grade levels.*
- *To increase the efficiency and effectiveness of school district operations supporting students, families, and staff. Examples might include stronger coordination of school calendars, schedules, and communications or increased sharing of purchases or contracted services.*
- *To provide a better informed and cohesive budget process rooted in recommendations by educators and school committee members.*
- *To assist both towns in planning and prioritizing capital projects for the school districts.*
- *To enhance the recruitment and retention of robust district leadership.*

Accordingly, we ask that you arrange for a convenient time for Sudbury Selectmen Dan Carty and Susan Iuliano to attend one of your meetings to address this proposal. They can be reached at IulianoS@sudbury.ma.us and CartyD@sudbury.ma.us.