



PENNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

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Damon Miller, President
Morrisville Board of School Directors

Dear Mr. Miller,

I am writing to inform you that the Committee that met with you on November 10, 2014 – myself, John Palmer, Debra DeBlasio and Dr. McHugh – updated the full Pennsbury Board of School Directors regarding your requests, arguments and proposals of possible benefit to our District and the region. Following that update, there was no consensus from the Board to place this matter on a future agenda for further discussion.

While we empathize with your needs and desires for improved educational opportunities for your students, our obligations to our students and taxpayers must take precedence for us. The Pennsbury Board of School Directors is not interested in joining the Morrisville Board in requesting a feasibility study on a potential merger of the two School Districts. Likewise, we do not see a need for further meetings or discussion.

As you are well aware, all public school districts across the Commonwealth are facing significant and unprecedented financial and educational challenges. High stakes graduation requirements, spiking pension expenditures, constrained budgets, and a state funding system that relies on local property taxes makes merger talks impossible for Pennsbury to consider beyond this initial discussion.

We wish you well in your endeavor with other area school districts who have also agreed to meet with you.

Sincerely,


Jacqueline Redner, President

cc: Pennsbury Board of School Directors
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Kevin J. McHugh, EdD
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