

Brief history of the Eastern Area Special Schools and the jointure agreement.

Dear Superintendents,

Our office serves as the Solicitor for the Eastern Area Special Schools of which your School District is a Participating District. The Eastern Area Restated Jointure Agreement is once again up for renewal. The Jointure is set to expire on June 30, 2017. At its meeting of February 23, 2017, the Eastern Area Special Schools Committee approved a resolution recommending the extension of the Jointure to the Participating Districts for another five (5) years to expire June 30, 2022.

The original Jointure was created on June 30, 1964 and had a 40 year term with an expiration date of June 30, 2004. Since then, the Jointure has been extended 3 times in 2004 (expired June 30, 2007); in 2007 (expired June 30, 2012); and in 2012 (will expire June 30, 2017).

In addition to the original 1964 Jointure, there were also 7 amendment documents to the original Jointure over the years. Mostly, the reasons for the amendments were to add new districts or to change the names of the participating districts. In order to avoid having to continue to add amendments to the original Jointure, in 2012 a Restated Jointure was created and approved by all of the Participating Districts. The Restated Jointure incorporates all the prior changes to the Jointure and restates its terms and conditions.

The Eastern Area Special Schools Committee would now ask that each Participating District approve the extension of the Restated Jointure for five (5) years from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2022 with all the other terms and conditions of the Restated Jointure remaining the same. Attached is a Board resolution that you may use to do this. We would ask that this Resolution be approved before June 2017.

For your information, I am also attaching the Restated Jointure which was approved by all the Participating School Districts in 2012.

Please contact me with any questions.

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