

AMENDED ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS OF LAFAYETTE REGIONAL AND BETHLEHEM
ORIGINALLY DATED MAY 13, 1974 AMENDED BY VOTE AT THE ANNUAL DISTRICT
MEETING ON MARCH 18, 2006 AND APPROVED BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WITH A CERTIFICATE DATED AUGUST 2, 2006.

Co-operative

This Agreement is entered into pursuant to Chapter 195:18 of the New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated as amended and Senate Bill 22 as amended at the 1974 special session of the legislature by and between the Lafayette Regional School District and the Bethlehem School District.

1. The Lafayette Regional School District and the Bethlehem School District shall form a cooperative school district to provide for education in grades seven through twelve which district shall be known as the Profile School District.
2. There shall be seven members of the School Board of the Profile School District. Four members of the Profile District School Board shall be elected by the voters of the Bethlehem School District. Three members of the Profile District School Board shall be elected by the voters of the Lafayette Regional School District from at large within the Lafayette Regional School District.
3. The members of the Board of the Profile School District who are elected and qualified at the organization meeting shall hold office until their respective successors have been elected at the annual meeting of the Profile School District held in the years indicated below:

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	Two members	1977
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All members of the School Board shall be elected for three-year terms except those elected at the organization meeting.

The members of the School Board shall assume office at the close of the annual meeting. All members shall be elected by the use of the non-partisan ballot system under RSA 59.

Article 5
amended by,
vote of
March 18, 2006

4. None of the properties of the pre-existing School Districts will be acquired by the Profile School District. The Profile School District will construct a new Junior-Senior High School (grades 7-12) on part of the Rocks Estate, off Route 18 in Bethlehem.
5. The operating expenses of the Profile School District payable in each year be apportioned by eighty percent (80%) of the average daily membership of the pupils in grades seven through twelve (7-12) residing in each member district of the Profile School District during the second preceding fiscal year as determined by the State Department of Education; and by twenty percent (20%) on the equalized valuation as most currently available as determined by the Department of Revenue Administration. The capital expenses of the Profile School District payable in each year shall be apportioned by one hundred percent (100%) on the equalized valuation as most currently available as determined by the Department of Revenue Administration.
6. The amount charged to the pre-existing Lafayette Regional School District according to the formula in Article 5 shall be apportioned among Easton, Franconia, and Sugar Hill according to the provisions of the existing Articles of Agreement of the Lafayette Regional School District.
7. A schedule of payments based on the sum of the respective shares of the pre-existing districts for operating expenses and capital expenses shall be established from time to time by the School Board and the Selectmen of the several towns.
8. The State Foundation Aid, to which each pre-existing district shall be entitled if it were not part of the regional school district shall be credited to such pre-existing district's share of the total budget. The State Building Aid and any other aids which may become available to the Profile School District shall be applied to reduce the total expenditure prior to the apportionment of costs under the provisions of Article 5, unless otherwise provided by law.
9. The National Forest Reserve funds to which each member district would be entitled if it were not part of the Profile School District shall be credited to that district's share of the total operating budget. All trust funds and scholarship moneys held by the separate member districts of the Profile School District shall be held and applied to such separate member districts and as the terms of the trusts indicate.
10. Transportation. The Profile School District shall provide transportation for all pupils attending grades seven through twelve who reside within the district consistent with the provisions of RSA 189:6, 8, 9. The Profile School District may contract with member districts in the interest of economy and expediency to provide shared transportation to elementary schools within the separate member districts upon a pro-rata shared cost basis.

11. The date of operating responsibility of the Profile School District as provided for in RSA 195:5 shall be July 1, 1975.
12. The pre-existing School Districts shall pay tuition for those students attending grades seven through twelve in other school districts until such time as construction of a Junior High School and High School building by the Profile School District is completed. Pupils who will be in grade twelve at such time may elect to complete high school in the school district in which they are enrolled, with tuition, but not transportation to be paid by the Profile School District.
13. These Articles of Agreement may be amended by the Profile School District consistent with the provisions of RSA 195: 18 (III) (i) except that no amendment shall be effective unless the question of adopting such amendment is submitted at a co-operative school district meeting to the voters of the district voting by ballot with the use of a checklist after reasonable opportunity for debate in open meeting, and unless two-thirds of the voters who are present and voting shall vote in favor of adopting such amendment. Furthermore, no amendment to these articles shall be considered except at an annual meeting of the co-operative school district and unless the text of such amendment is included in an appropriate article in the warrant for such meeting. It shall be the duty of the School Board to hold a public hearing concerning the adoption of any amendment to these articles of agreement at least ten days before such annual meeting and to cause notice of such hearing and the text of the proposed amendment to be published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the district at least 14 days before such hearing. Until the date of operating responsibility is assumed the School Board is empowered to call a special district meeting under the procedures outlined above for the purpose of amending the Articles of Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement was originally executed on the 13th day of May 1974, and the Amended Articles signed on the dates set forth below.

PROFILE SCHOOL BOARD

<u>Steve Chardon</u> Steve Chardon	<u>11/6/06</u> Date
<u>James Colongeli</u> James Colongeli	_____ Date
<u>Leonard Malenowski</u> Leonard Malenowski	<u>11/6/06</u> Date
<u>James Payette</u> James Payette	_____ Date
<u>Annette Marquis</u> Annette Marquis	_____ Date

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this agreement has been executed this 13th day of May 1974.

COOPERATIVE SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING BOARD:

For the School District of Bethlehem:

David Bishop

David Bishop

Walter Blandin

Walter Blandin

Ida Lyster

Ida Lyster

For the School District of Lafayette Regional

Maxine Aldrich

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Joseph Fobes

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Carol Westhaver

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Robert Jessiman