



SOUTHERN WILL COUNTY COOPERATIVE for SPECIAL EDUCATION

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Mr. Baldermann,

On February 9, 2021, the Governing Board of the Southern Will County Cooperative for Special Education ("SOWIC") passed the attached Resolution to amend the Articles of Agreement of SOWIC (the "Articles"). The approved amendment makes changes to the provisions of "Article III Section 6 Programs" as they relate to withdrawal from and resumption of participation in Cooperative programs and/or services. The changes are relatively minor and allow for a more streamlined process for how a member district might choose to reduce its participation in a SOWIC Program or Service by seeking approval of the SOWIC Governing Board.

Attached to this letter is a form resolution for the Union School District 81 Board of Education to act upon to effectuate the amendment. In order for the amendment to take effect, a majority of SOWIC's member districts must approve the attached resolution. While the Union School District 81, as it is currently organized, may not be familiar with this process, the Articles have been revised 15 times in SOWIC's history, most recently in May of 2015. The revision process as it relates to SOWIC's Articles occurs somewhat rarely but is vitally important in order that the Articles remain current with regard to applicable law and member districts' needs in our ever-changing educational environment.

SOWIC would certainly appreciate it if the Union School District 81 Board of Education could consider approving the attached resolution as soon as possible. Please notify me when it has done so and provide me with a copy of the adopted resolution. In the meantime, do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Regards,

Bill Roseland
SOWIC Executive Director

MEMBER DISTRICTS:

| CHANNAHON 17 | TROY 30C | LARAWAY 70C | UNION 81 | ROCKDALE 84 |
| BEECHER 200U | ELWOOD 203 | PEOTONE 207U | WILMINGTON 209U | REED-CUSTER 255U |

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND RATIFYING
AN AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT FOR THE
SOUTHERN WILL COUNTY COOPERATIVE FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Union School District 81 (the "Board of Education") is a member of the Southern Will County Cooperative for Special Education ("SOWIC") and, with other members of SOWIC, entered into Articles of Agreement (the "Articles") dated April 21, 1969, with a latest revision of May 12, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Board of SOWIC adopted a Resolution (the "SOWIC Resolution") Approving certain Amendments to the Articles on February 9, 2021 (the "Amendments"), which Resolution is attached to this Resolution as Exhibit 1; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Amendments is to make changes to the provisions of Article III, Section 6 as they relate to, withdrawal from and resumption of participation in Cooperative programs and/or services by member districts; and

WHEREAS, amending the Articles requires both a 2/3 vote of the Governing Board of SOWIC and ratification by a majority of the boards of education of the member school districts; and

WHEREAS, as evidenced by the SOWIC Resolution, 2/3 of the Governing Board of SOWIC has approved the Amendments contained in the SOWIC Resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that it is in the best interest of its School District to approve the Amendments contained in the SOWIC Resolution in the form approved by the Governing Board of SOWIC;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Union School District 81, Will County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: The foregoing recitals and Exhibit 1 are incorporated into, and made a part of, this Resolution as findings of the Board of Education.

Section 2: The Board of Education approves and ratifies the Amendments contained in the attached SOWIC Resolution.

Section 3: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon and after its adoption and the Secretary of the Board or his or her designee is authorized to deliver this Resolution to the Governing Board of SOWIC.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

President, Board of Education

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Education