



NORTHWEST SPECIAL EDUCATION REGION

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Mr. Gordon Rogers, President
Foster Town Council
181 Howard Avenue
Foster, Rhode Island 02825

RE: Northwest Special Education Office

Dear Mr. Rogers:

On behalf of the Superintendents of Schools representing the districts of Scituate, Foster, Glocester and Foster/Glocester (comprising the Northwest Special Education Region), I am writing to confirm our commitment to remain in the facility located at 23A Theodore Foster Drive. Our intent is to use this office space for as long as it is available, but can minimally commit to a seven year (7) period of time upon completion of necessary renovations. We understand the renovations will include replacement of the office roof, septic system, and water system (pump and direct line to the office). Additionally, renovations to the entry way and bathroom will be completed.

It must be noted that the Northwest Special Education Collaborative is approved by the school committees on an annual basis. With this, our commitment to stay in this facility is contingent upon the Northwest Collaborative Agreement approval each year. We do, however, have good confidence that this organization will continue to be viable in the future. The Northwest Region has been in existence for forty-five (45) years and we continue to provide high quality, cost effective management of special education services for the regional districts.

We appreciate the level of support the town and the Public Works Department has provided over the years to maintain the grounds and complete minor repairs. We have been tenants in this location for approximately thirty (30) years and look forward to extending this relationship for many more years. Please be reminded that the town of Foster has realized a substantial benefit as well over this time. Foster has saved several thousand dollars each year by providing in-kind support of the office space in lieu of the LEA contribution provided by the other members. Additionally, the participating communities share in the cost of the utilities and furnishing for the office.

In closing, we are grateful for the opportunity to remain in this location and are excited about the proposed renovations, which will allow us to continue serving the towns of Foster, Glocester and Scituate. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require further information.

Sincerely,

John Magner
Director of Special Education

cc: Superintendents Barnes, Dubois, Irving and Lescault

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