



**TEMPORARY REGIONAL SCHOOL STUDY COMMITTEE
OF
THE CITY OF ANSONIA
AND
THE CITY OF DERBY**



**Temporary Regional School Study Committee
2020 Progress Report**

The Temporary Regional School Study Committee (TRSSC) has continued to move forward and work towards completing their charge of making a recommendation as to the feasibility of the regionalization of the Ansonia and Derby Schools.

Since the last report, much has changed as the onset of the coronavirus resulted in some meeting cancellations as the community dealt with getting ready to technologically meet. There was also a brief impasse that needed to be resolved with the consultants (DMG) to ensure the final report had all the necessary elements.

After dealing with the coronavirus and having negotiations with consultants to ensure the final report met expectations, the committee feels we are on track to having substantive discussions on moving forward.

There has been no change in the makeup of the committee since the last report and the committee remains comprised of the following members:

Ansonia:

Dr. Steven Adamowski
Rich Bshara
Joe Jaumann
Chris Phipps
Dr. Joshua Stuart

Derby:

Barbara DeGennaro
Jim Gildea
Tara Hyder
George Kurtyka
Ronald Luneau, Jr.

All TRSSC members had their terms extended 2 additional years to ensure we would meet the charge of CT General Statute 10-39.

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Since our last report, the TRSSC and DMG decided to focus on the following 7 sections:

- I. Regionalization in Connecticut – *completed*
- II. Academics, Programming and educational Plan – *ongoing*
- III. Facilities – *initial list as recommended by DMG has been revised by each corresponding town to include work they feel each facility within their jurisdiction would need*
- IV. Enrollment – *initial review complete*
- V. Finance – *equalization work ongoing, programming savings noted and capital costs to be determined and finalized*
- VI. Governance and Administration – *to be scheduled*
- VII. Culture – *to be scheduled*

As a rough timeline, here is what the TRSSC projects the following 6 months to look:

TRSSC Timeline:

- September 28, 2020 – Review and discuss academics, programming, & educational plan
- October 7, 2020 – Review proposed finalized equalization projections, discuss enrollment and start finance discussion
- October 26, 2020 – Review and finalize finance discussion
- November 4, 2020, November 23, 2020– Review and discuss governance and administration, discuss culture.
- November – December 2020 – Conduct workshops with DMG and stakeholders to review data
- December 2, 2020 - December 28, 2020– Deliberate and determine recommendation
- January 2021 – February 2021 – Public hearings to present TRSSC final report and any recommendations for combining school districts
- March 2021 – April 2021 – Proposed referendum if recommended

All information can be found by accessing the information via the Naugatuck Valley Council of Government website: (<https://nvcogct.gov/project/current-projects/regional-school-study/>)

From a financial perspective, listed below is the outline of the agreed upon Time Schedule and Fees. Task 1 was for a total of \$77,000 of which DMG was previously paid the first 2 installments for a total of \$53,900 leaving a balance of \$23,100. At our meeting on June 3, 2020, the TRSSC authorized another payment of \$11,550 leaving a Task 1 balance of \$11,550.

With regards to Task 2, phase 2.2, DMG was due \$36,000. At our meeting on June 3, 2020, the TRSSC authorized another payment of \$18,000 leaving a Task 2 balance of \$18,000.

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Time Schedule and Fees

Total Fees for Task 1 and Task 2: \$137,000

Task 1: Total fees \$77,000

Invoicing schedule will be tied to deliverables. Timelines indicated are estimates, and will be negotiated with the NVCOG and TRSSC upon project initiation. DMGroup will invoice upon completion of phases as indicated below:

Phase	Timing after project start	Cumulative % of work	Invoice amount
Phase 1.1 – Project initiation	N/A	N/A	No invoice
Phase 1.2 – Develop understanding of current context	2 months	20%	\$15,400
Phase 1.3 - Conduct Analysis - Includes analysis from DMG, MMI and SPA	4 months	70%	\$38,500
Phases 1.4-1.8 – Create and Present Final Report - Includes reports from DMG, MMI and SPA	10 months	100%	\$23,100

Task 2: Total fees \$60,000

Phase	Timing after project start	Cumulative % of work	Invoice amount
Phase 2.1 – Determine Areas of Potential Savings	N/A	N/A	No invoice
Phase 2.2 – Conduct Analysis to Quantify Savings	12 months	60%	\$36,000
Phase 2.3 – Facilitate Workshops to Assess Feasibility	18 months	100%	\$24,000

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