Chaplin, Hampton, and Scotland
Enrollment Analysis and Facility Utilization Study
Working Group Meeting

June 24, 2014 – 6pm
Chaplin Elementary School

Meeting Summary

In attendance: Dick Brown, Alan Cahill, Steve Dunn, Sandi Dunnack, Joan Fox, Dr. Paul Graseck, Dr. Kenneth Henrici, Phoebe Huang, Eric Kemp, Jennifer Nelson, Dr. Richard Packman, Angelina Pearce, Bill Rose, Joe Savino, William Smallwood, Sherry Smardon, Dan Syme. Also in attendance were Rebecca Augur from Milone and MacBroom, Inc. and Dr. Frank Sippy.

The meeting began with a tour of Chaplin Elementary School led by teacher Sandi Dunnack.

The consultants discussed their analyses of the alternatives identified in the Working Group’s previous meeting. The Working Group discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the alternatives and reached a consensus that more information on the mechanics and financial implications of each alternative is necessary. Specific information requested included:

- Cooperative agreements – Legal issues, potential ways of structuring, examples of similar arrangements elsewhere in the state with background information, and more information on financial implications including state funding/reimbursement issues
- Regionalization – More information on feasibility of and State willingness to support PK-8 system, legal issues surrounding responsibility for special education students, clarification on designated high school vs. choice school, transportation implications
- Tuition rates – Current tuition rates in Eastern Connecticut
- Transportation – More detailed analysis of transportation issues and costs under various options
- Financial – More refined financial analyses with detailed explanation for various options