



D.C. Everest Area School District

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MISSION STATEMENT

D.C. Everest Area School District, in partnership with the community, is committed to being an innovative educational leader in developing knowledgeable, productive, caring, creative, responsible individuals prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global society.

TO: Dr. Kristine Gilmore, Superintendent

FROM: Jack E. Stoskopf, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Business/Personnel Services

RE: Easton and Hatley

DATE: April 20, 2011

Points to Consider:

- Easton and Hatley both have approximately 60 students each
- Some families have their elementary children split up at both schools
- Both schools require base costs of operation to open the doors each day
 - Electricity, Gas, Water, Sewage
 - Building and Grounds Maintenance
 - Operational Staff
 - Secretarial Staff
 - Food Service Staff
 - Mail, Supplies, and Food Service Delivery Services
- There is little efficiency in operating two schools with such small enrollment
- Current transportation requires the crossing of routes both before and after school
- One route could be eliminated
- Hatley has enough room to house all K-5 students
- Collaboration and collegiality will be improved with one school of 6 teachers as opposed to two schools with 3 teachers each
- Art, Music, and Physical Education Staff would travel to one less school, saving teaching time and travel expenses
- Items on the 5-year capital improvement plan for Easton could be eliminated or those resources could be put to use at other buildings
- Principal would have a less fragmented schedule and would be able to better serve the staff, students, and parents of all the children
- The current room at Hatley that is used by an outside community group will no longer be available for use as it will be needed as a classroom
- Easton and Hatley staff have expressed support for the idea
- Annual savings to the district is estimated at just over **\$140,000**.

It is recommended that the board approve the district conducting listening sessions with Easton/Hatley parents and community members. A final decision and/or recommendation would be brought before the board during the month of May.