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Formation of School Administrative District and Contract with Community School District

FACTS:

A proposed school administrative district having not less than 50 resident secondary pupils educated at public expense in grades 9 through 12 will hold a contract (at the time of district formation) with a community school district providing for the education of all resident pupils in grades 9 through 12. The State Board of Education, as successor to the Maine School District Commission, would be faced with the question of approval of the formation of such a district.

QUESTION:

Whether the State Board of Education possesses the requisite statutory authorization to approve the formation of such a district?

ANSWER:

No.

REASON:

The criteria for the formation of school administrative districts is prescribed in R. S., c. 41, § 111-E. Our Legislature has not yet authorized the State Board of Education to approve the formation of a school administrative district contracting with a community school district.

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