STATE OF ILLINOIS
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION

In re:

A PETITION TO FORM A COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT CONSISTING
OF ALL OF MILFORD COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 280
AND MILFORD TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 233

ADMINISTRATIVE DECISION

Pursuant to Section 11E-50 of the School Code, I received on November 5, 2013, the
record of the proceedings regarding the proposed formation of a community unit school
district from all of Milford Community Consolidated School District 280 and Milford
Township High School District 233.

I have reviewed the entire record of the proceedings held before the Regional
Superintendent, including the transcript of the hearing and all evidence presented at the
hearing, and based upon the record, I make the following findings and conclusions.

FINDINGS/CONCLUSIONS

1. The petition was filed in the Office of the Regional Superintendent of Schools of
Iroquois/Kankakee Counties on September 23, 2013. Notice was given and a
hearing was convened in accordance with Article 11E of the School Code.

2. The Regional Superintendent of Schools issued approval of the petition on October
30, 2013.

3. The record indicates that the approved petition:

   a) requests the submission of the proposition at the regular scheduled election (on
      March 18, 2014) for the purpose of voting for or against the establishment of a
      community unit school district in the territory;

   b) requests the election of board members on an “at large” basis at the same
      election as the question to form the new district;

   c) describes the territory comprising the proposed district;

   d) sets the maximum tax rates for educational, operations and maintenance, and
      pupil transportation purposes the proposed district shall be authorized to levy, as
      required by statute;
e) describes how supplementary State deficit difference payments made under subsection (c) of Section 11E-135 will be allocated among the new district or districts proposed to be formed;

f) was filed by the Board of Education of Milford Community Consolidated School District 280 and the Board of Education of Milford Township High School District 233; and

g) designates a Committee of Ten of the petitioners.

4. The record indicates that the territory described in the petition is contiguous and compact territory, no part of which is included within any unit district.

As reported by the proponents of the petition, the consolidation of the districts into a community unit school district will result in the following:

a) the ability to combine resources to create the best academic atmosphere.

b) the ability to reduce scheduling conflicts in order to share staff between grade levels and buildings.

c) the opportunity for an increased level of articulation among staff.

d) a bonding authority that will allow for the creation of quality facilities.
DECISION

Having reviewed the petition, transcript of the hearing and supporting evidence, and the Regional Superintendent's decision, and taking into consideration the school needs and conditions of the affected districts and in the area adjacent thereto, the division of funds and assets that will result from the action described in the petition, the best interests of the schools of the area, and the best interests and the educational welfare of the pupils residing therein, I hereby approve the petition. Approval of this petition will allow the submission of the proposition at the regular scheduled election on March 18, 2014, for the purpose of voting for or against the establishment of a community unit school district in the territory.

Christopher A. Koch, Ed.D.
State Superintendent of Education

DATED: 11/18/13

This is a final administrative order and is subject to review under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law, 735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.