

# CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Hartford

FROM: Michael McKeon, Director Division of Legal and Governmental Affairs

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RE: Petition for Declaratory Ruling

This is a notification pursuant to Section 4-176 of the Connecticut General Statutes and Section 10-4-22 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies that the Norwich Free Academy has filed a Petition for Declaratory Ruling (“Petition”) with the Connecticut State Board of Education (“State Board”). The Petition concerns the interpretation and application of Connecticut General Statutes Sections 10-33 and 10-34 relating to the payments by a town that does not maintain a high school to a high school designated by the town as the school for students residing in the town to attend. The Petition seeks a declaratory ruling from the State Board on several issues as set forth in the Petition.

The statute and regulation governing petitions for declaratory rulings provide the State Board with options concerning the process it may use to determine an appropriate ruling regarding the petition if it decides to issue a ruling. The State Board will determine in accordance with the applicable legal requirements whether to rule on the Petition, and, if so, the process it will use to determine an appropriate ruling. Conn. Gen. Stat Sec. 4-176(e); Reg. Conn. State Agencies Sec. 10-4-22(c).

Pending the determination of the State Board as to the action to be taken on the Petition, the Petition, including selected attachments to the Petition, will be posted on the Division of Legal and Governmental Affairs page of the Department of Education website, <http://portal.ct.gov/SDE-LegalOffice>. If you have any questions, you may contact Attorney Louis Todisco at (860) 713-6594 or [louis.todisco@ct.gov](mailto:louis.todisco@ct.gov).