Nebraska Department of Education School Finance and Organization Services

SAMPLE PETITION INFORMATION

Per Rule 83, Procedures of the State Committee for the Reorganization of School Districts, a petition may be submitted for reorganization of school boundaries to the Committee. The criteria to be contained in the petition are outlined in Rule 83. General 'contents' of a petition are listed below.

In the opening paragraph, the petition must state: What reorganization is to take place (i.e. dissolution, merger, or unification), and what schools will be affected.

Sample:

Nemaha County -- A Board to Board Petition pursuant to 79-415 R.R.S. to dissolve:

- Otoe County School District 66-xxxx, commonly known as 'ABC' Public School, (a Class I School) and merge with:
- Otoe County School District 66-xxxx, commonly known as 'XYZ' Public School, (a Class III School). (A Case # will be Assigned by the Department)

Other items to be included:

- I. Descriptions and map of the boundaries of the existing school districts and the reorganized school district.
 - · Description of existing school districts, AND of the enlarged school district
 - Resolution of conflicts
 - Inclusion or exclusion of territory
- II. Summary of terms for reorganization:
 - Effective date
 - · Classification of enlarged school district
 - Board of Education
 - Obligation for existing bonded indebtedness
 - · Whether petition is contingent or not upon the success of a bond election
 - · Assets and liabilities
 - Budgetary authority
 - Buildings or property
- III. Other matters determined proper to be included:
 - Transportation
 - Enrollment Option
 - Severability
 - Staff

The above statements include items that may be contained in a petition and are not all-inclusive. Individuals should contact their attorney for any legal advice on any reorganization. For any other questions, please feel free to call Micki Iverson at 402-471-1894.