



interpretation is also consistent with the requirement of a community to appropriate or otherwise make available an amount from local, state and federal sources sufficient to support the approved school expenditures. R.I.G.L. § 16-7-24. As noted in the opinion letter of the Commissioner dated April 29, 2010, an exhibit in this matter, this means that a Town's appropriation must take the form of a total appropriation sufficient in and of itself to operate the public schools of the Town. The Commissioner, in the decision, adhered to such position set out in said letter of April 29, 2010. We found support in the record for such position.

For the reasons stated, the decision of the Commissioner is affirmed. It is also observed that the Tiverton School Committee may not segregate in a separate account controlled by the School Committee, out of district tuition payments but rather should remit said payments to the Town of Tiverton for inclusion in the revenues that are available to the Town to fund the expenditures for school purposes requested by the School Committee pursuant to the process of funding educational expenditures.

Board of Regents for Elementary  
and Secondary Education

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George D. Caruolo, Chairman

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The above is the decision recommended by the Appeals Committee after due consideration of the record, memoranda filed on behalf of the parties and oral arguments made at the hearing of the appeal on October 24, 2011.

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Mathies J. Santos, Appeals Committee Chairman