BEFORE THE REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OF DEWITT, LIVINGSTON AND MCLEAN COUNTIES, STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO ORGANIZE:
A NEW COMBINED HIGH SCHOOL-UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TERRITORY COMPRISING:
FLANAGAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 4, COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF ILLINOIS
AND CORNELL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 70, COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF ILLINOIS;

PETITION

NOW COME the Board of Education of Flanagan Community Unit School District No. 4, County of Livingston, State of Illinois and the Board of Education of Cornell Community High School District No. 70, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, pursuant to Article 11E of The School Code (105 ILCS 5/11E), seeking the organization of a new combined high school-unit school district in said territory, and in support thereof as follows:

1. The Petitioners hereby designate the following named ten (10) individuals as a Committee of Ten of the petitioners, pursuant to Section 11E-35 of The School Code, any seven (7) of whom may at any time, prior to final decision of the Regional Superintendent, amend the petition in all respects and make binding stipulations on behalf of all petitioners as to any question with respect to the petition or hearing and to

EXHIBIT A
accountings or waiver thereof between school districts.

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2. The territory described in Exhibit A comprises the entire territory of the two (2) school districts, namely Flanagan Community Unit School District No. 4, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, and Cornell Community High School District No. 70, County of Livingston, State of Illinois.

3. The described territory is compact and contiguous.
4. The supplementary state deficit differential payments under Section 11E-135(c) of *The School Code* shall be paid to the new school district.

5. The proposed combined school district will have an approximate pupil population of 210 elementary students and 165 high school students at the date of its creation.

6. The proposed combined high school-unit school district shall be authorized to levy taxes in the respective funds hereinafter set forth at the maximum rates set forth:

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7. The aggregate extension base for the new district will be $42,373,768.00.
8. The debt service extension base for the new district will be $42,373,768.00.

9. The organization of a new community unit school district in the territory described in Exhibit A is in the best educational interests of the schools of the area and the pupils affected and is financially beneficial to the affected school districts.

10. The Petitioners further request that the election of a board of education on an at large basis be submitted to the voters on a separate ballot at the same election as the election to create the new combined school district.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned Petitioners request and petition that the territory described in Exhibit A be organized into a new combined high school-unit school district, that the tax rates herein be established for the respective portions of the district, that the election of a board of education on an at large basis be submitted to the voters on a separate ballot at the same election; that the Regional Superintendent of Schools of DeWitt, Livingston and McLean Counties conduct a hearing on this Petition as provided in Section 11E-45 of The School Code and approve said petition; that upon completion of said hearing the Regional Superintendent submit the Petition and all the evidence submitted at said hearing to the State Superintendent of Schools for his review and approval in accordance with Section 11E-45 of The School Code; that said propositions be submitted to the voters of said territory at the primary election to be held on February 5, 2008.

EXHIBIT A

ALL OF THE TERRITORY COMPRISING FLANAGAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF ILLINOIS AND CORNELL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70, COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION TO ORGANIZE A NEW COMBINED HIGH SCHOOL-UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT IN THE TERRITORY COMPRISING FLANAGAN COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #4, COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF ILLINOIS AND CORNELL COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT #70, COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON, STATE OF ILLINOIS; THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TAX RATES: THE ELECTION OF A BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR SUCH SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND THE SUBMISSION OF THE SAME TO THE VOTERS IN SAID TERRITORY ON FEBRUARY 5, 2008.

COMMITTEE OF TEN MEMBERS

Darrell Cool
Donald Decker
Michael Forney
Mark Harms
David Russow
Raymond Schnell
Darrell Stafford
Steven Vollmer
Douglas Weers
Raymond Zimmerman
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Flanagan Community Unit School District No. 4, County of Livingston, State of Illinois anticipates that it will experience financial difficulties and static or declining enrollments in the future making it difficult to provide a comprehensive high quality educational program with the limited financial resources available to it as required by Article 10, Section I, of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the students residing in Cornell Community High School District No. 70, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, currently attend Flanagan Community Unit School District on a tuition basis; and

WHEREAS, the students of both districts will be provided a more comprehensive educational program if the territory comprising Cornell Community High School District No. 70, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, and Flanagan Community Unit School District No. 4, County of Livingston, State of Illinois were organized into a new Combined High School-Unit School District; and

WHEREAS, after said districts are combined into a new combined high school-unit school district such district will continue to have sufficient size (pupil enrollment) and financial resources to provide and maintain a recognized educational program for the students residing in said territory; and

WHEREAS, the proposed combination of Cornell Community High School District and Flanagan Community Unit School District will not violate any of the provisions of The School Code; and
WHEREAS, this Board of Education finds that it is in the best interests of the schools of the area and the educational welfare of the pupils that this proposed combined school district be created;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Flanagan Community Unit School District No. 4, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, as follows:

1. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this resolution by this reference.

2. This Board of Education initiate a petition in conjunction with the Board of Education of Cornell Community High School District No. 70, County of Livingston, State of Illinois to create a new combined high school-unit school district in the territory comprising Cornell Community High School District No. 70, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, and Flanagan Community Unit School District No. 4, County of Livingston, State of Illinois.

3. The new Combined School District be authorized to levy taxes in the respective funds hereinafter set forth at the maximum rates hereinafter set forth:

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4. If such Petition is granted by the Regional Superintendent of Schools that
it be submitted to the State Superintendent of Schools along with all of the evidence for
his review and approval.

5. If such Petition is approved by the State Superintendent of Schools that
the Regional Superintendent of Schools call an election to be held on February 5, 2008
in Flanagan Community School District No. 4 and Cornell Community High School
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combined high school-unit school district be approved.

6. That at such election a board of education be elected on an at large basis
on a separate ballot.

7. The President and Secretary of this Board be and hereby are directed to
sign said Petition forthwith.

8. This Board of Education undertake any and all other actions as may be
necessary to accomplish the purposes set forth herein.
9. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and this resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

   Adopted by the following vote this 19th day of July, 2007.

   AYE: 7

   NAY:  

   ABSTAIN:  

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Flanagan Community Unit School District No. 4, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, and, as such, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board of Education of said District.

I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of Education of said District at its meeting held on the \(\frac{1}{2}\)th day of July, 2007, relating to the authorization to file a petition to create a new combined high school-unit school district in the territory comprising Flanagan Community Unit School District No. 4, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, and Cornell Community High School District No. 70, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, a true and correct copy of which said resolution is attached hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature at Flanagan, Illinois this \(\frac{1}{2}\)th day of July, 2007.

[Signature]

Secretary, Board of Education
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Education of Cornell Community High School District No. 70, County of Livingston, State of Illinois anticipates that it will experience financial difficulties and static or declining enrollments in the future making it difficult to provide a comprehensive high quality educational program with the limited financial resources available to it as required by Article 10, Section 1, of the Illinois Constitution of 1970 and the laws of the State of Illinois; and

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Cornell Community High School District No. 70, County of Livingston, State of Illinois, as follows:

1. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this resolution by this reference.

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Adopted by the following vote this __ day of July, 2007.

AYE: 6

NAY: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

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Acting Secretary, Board of Education
STATE OF ILLINOIS  )
COUNTY OF LIVINGSTON  )SS

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