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To: Key Municipal Officials
All Municipal Officers

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Re: School Reorganization Clearinghouse on Website

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This is just a message to let you know that we have placed on MMA's website (www.memun.org) the School Reorganization and Consolidation Clearinghouse. The complete website address is www.memun.org/public/news/school/index.htm.

The Clearinghouse logo is pictured as five jigsaw puzzle pieces locked together. Navigating through the Clearinghouse should be self-explanatory after you click into that page. Each of the jigsaw puzzle pieces represents a major component of the school reorganization process. Given where we are now in the process, the most prominent puzzle piece when you get into the Clearinghouse focuses on the *Reorganization Planning Committee*.

Inside each puzzle piece you will find a completely indexed copy of the school reorganization law, links to pertinent news stories, links to other information resources, analysis or interpretation provided by MMA staff, and a "chat room" that is designed to create an opportunity for municipal officials throughout the state engaged in the school reorganization process to share information and suggestions among themselves, and post questions that others might be able to answer. We have started a few subject areas (or "threads") in the chat room in an effort to stimulate some on-line discussion. Please feel free to create discussion topics that are most relevant to your situations.

We hope you will find this Clearinghouse helpful. It is very much a product that is still under construction, and if you have any suggestions for how we could improve the Clearinghouse, we certainly encourage those suggestions.