

**BEFORE THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTHWEST AREA EDUCATION
AGENCY (AREA XII) AND THE PRAIRIE LAKES AREA EDUCATION AGENCY
(AREA VIII)**

PETITION FOR REORGANIZATION

WE, the undersigned eligible electors of the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District and of the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District hereby petition the Northwest Area Education Agency (Area XII) pursuant to Section 275.12 of the Code of Iowa to conduct a hearing with the Prairie Lakes Area Education Agency (Area VIII) pursuant to Section 275.15 and Section 275.16 of the Code of Iowa at which time the following petition shall be considered by the joint Area Education Agency Boards of Directors.

1. That the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District be merged and consolidated into a new community school district to be known as the Odebolt Arthur Battle Creek Ida Grove Community School District to include the area as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof and comprising all of the territory of the two existing districts.

2. That the Odebolt-Arthur Community School District and the Battle Creek-Ida Grove Community School District believe that the proposed school district conforms with the plans developed by the two involved area education agencies but if such petition does not conform they pray that the plans of the two involved area education agencies be changed to conform to the proposed district.

3. That the districts believe that all necessary studies and surveys have been conducted which are a prerequisite to this proposed reorganization.

4. That the number of directors shall eventually be seven and that they be selected and elected pursuant to Section 275.41 and Section 275.12 (2) (c), Code of Iowa with six members being residents of six single-member director districts and one member elected at large, all voted on by electors of the entire school district. Pursuant to Section 275.41, the Odebolt- Arthur Board of Directors shall appoint two members of the initial board and the Battle Creek- Ida Grove Board of Directors shall appoint four members of the initial board. The remaining member of the initial board is to be appointed by the members of the initial board or by special election in the absence of such appointment as an at-large board member.

5. That neither of the districts involved have approved the issuance of general obligation bonds at an election pursuant to Section 296.6 of the Code of Iowa during the preceding six month period.

6. That the assets and liabilities of the districts be merged.

7. That the proposed school district will contain a combined enrollment well in excess of the minimum enrollment prescribed by Section 275.3, Code of Iowa.

8. That following a hearing as required in accordance with Section 275.15, Code of Iowa, and the approval of both area education agencies' Boards of Directors, a special election be held as required by Section 275.18, Code of Iowa, and that such other proceedings be had as are required in accordance with Chapter 275 of the Code of Iowa in order to effectuate the reorganization requested in this Petition.