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**Memorandum of Understanding Regarding the Planning and Implementation
of Emergency Mass Vaccination and/or Dispensing Countermeasures**

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WHEREAS the Connecticut Department of Public Health has developed a strategy to implement countermeasures in the event a need to vaccinate and/or dispense medications to the population in a short period of time arises; and

WHEREAS the Town of New Fairfield and the NFHD must prepare and develop plans for the establishment and operation of a mass vaccination and/or a medication dispensing clinic, the Town of New Fairfield (NFHD) and the New Fairfield BOE, Department of Food Nutrition Services, wish to formalize their relationship for this purpose.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT AGREED BY THE PARTIES THAT:

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2. BOE agrees that the operation of the clinic may be conducted at the New Fairfield High School and that transportation from other school building sites may be conducted.
3. The Parties understand that implementation of the plan may occur on short notice at a time when there may be a declaration of emergency (or some similar event) declared in the State of Connecticut by the Governor, the Commissioner of Public Health or other designated state authority. The Parties further understand that if the plan must be implemented during a declaration of emergency by the State of Connecticut, public school will not be in session.
4. The Parties understand that if the plan must be implemented, even with thorough planning, there may be unforeseen circumstances that arise. Accordingly, the Parties agree to work together to resolve these circumstances as events unfold in a manner consistent with protecting public health and safety.
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By  Date 11/17/2011
Duly Authorized (BOE)

By  Date 12/15/2011
Duly Authorized (NFHD)

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