

**State Board of Education
December 20, 2012
Item I**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Montpelier, Vermont**

TEAM: Commissioner's Office

ITEM: Will the State Board vote to place the Essex-Caledonia Supervisory Union under consideration for a supervisory union boundary change, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §§ 241(a) and 261 (a) and SBE Rule 3232?

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board vote to place the Essex-Caledonia Supervisory Union under consideration for a supervisory union boundary change, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. §§ 241(a) and 261 (a) and SBE Rule 3232

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 16 V.S.A. §§241(a) and 261(a), Rule 3232

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Essex-Caledonia Supervisory Union has notified the Commissioner of Education of its impending superintendent vacancy (effective July 1, 2012). Under Rule 3232 of the *Vermont State Board of Education Manual of Rules and Practices*, recruitment for a new superintendent may not proceed until notification by the Commissioner that the supervisory union is not under consideration by the State Board of Education for a supervisory union boundary change. In this instance, some review is warranted by virtue of the enactment of Act 153 of 2010. The Essex-Caledonia Supervisory Union, because of its size, student population, and geographic location, should be studied for consideration for district regrouping. The Commissioner proposes to study the impact of various possible regrouping options, and to bring back to the State Board at its February 2012 meeting a recommendation as to whether any supervisory union change is warranted. The commissioner has notified the supervisory union board chair that the search process may proceed (hiring for up to two years).

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