

**State Board of Education
October 18, 2011
Item G**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Montpelier, Vermont**

TEAM: Commissioner's Office

ITEM: Will the State Board vote to place the Washington Central 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 Washington Central 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 Washington Central 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, a supervisory union may not begin recruitment for a new superintendent 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 State Board review is warranted by virtue of the enactment of Act 153 of 2010. The Washington Central Supervisory Union, because of its proximity to the Montpelier Supervisory District, is a prime candidate for consolidation with its neighboring district. The Commissioner proposes to study the impact of consolidation and bring back to the State Board - at its December 20, 2011 meeting – a recommendation as to whether any supervisory union change is warranted so that recruitment, if the Board so decides, may proceed in a timely fashion.

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