



State of Vermont
Vermont Department of Education
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MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents
From: Armando Vilaseca, Commissioner
Re: Required Supervisory Union Board Discussions of Possible Mergers
Date: November 30, 2010

Act 153 requires a number of activities and a significant level of feedback from all of us. We at the Department of Education will do our best to acquire necessary information while taking as little of your time as possible. At the same time, we want to give you every opportunity to let us know how we can be of assistance.

The first required activity is defined in Act 153, Sec. 2:

"(b) Board discussion. On or before December 1, 2010, the board of each supervisory union in the state shall discuss, and the board of every school district may discuss, whether it wishes to explore the merger of districts within the supervisory union or with one or more districts outside of the supervisory union, or both under the terms of this act."

Section 8 of Act 153 requires the Department of Education to report annually by January 15 on the status of merger discussions and votes. In order for the department to fulfill this legislative obligation please complete the brief survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Act153> by December 15.

I have asked Vaughn Altemus to be one of my point people assisting supervisory unions and school districts exploring the possibilities of consolidation. Feel free to contact him at (802) 828-0472 or vaughn.altemus@state.vt.us if you have questions, concerns or comments.

After the first of the year, you will receive another brief survey on additional Act 153 requirements.

Thank you for your cooperation.