Resolution Proposal #3: Addison Northwest School District Section I, Subsection Q Collaboration to Benefit all Students

WHEREAS: Vermont's students, teachers, staff, and administrators have emerged from a world-wide pandemic as well as deal with daily concerns including school shootings and violence, inequity and inequality, and hate speech and actions taken against marginalized persons:

AND WHEREAS: the 2022-23 Vermont statewide student assessments results show an overall reduction in students meeting educational standards in math and language arts;

AND WHEREAS: the State Board of Education and the Agency of Education have facilitated many comprehensive system changes including the statewide Efinance, the Statewide Longitudinal Data System, Vermont's comprehensive student assessment system, changes to block grant funding for Special Education (Act 173), and revised school quality standards;

AND WHEREAS: the Efinance software implementation was a statewide failure and resulted in abandoning the software after spending a significant amount of money from the Education Fund;

AND WHEREAS: the Statewide Longitudinal Data System project was established in 2005 and received \$4.9 million in funding, but useful information from that System is not yet available to local school districts;

AND WHEREAS: the Vermont comprehensive assessment software rollout in the spring of 2023 (which replaced SBAC with Cognia) failed to provide usable or historically comparable results due to system-wide software failures resulting in more hardship for school communities and a further lack of assessment results, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: The VSBA enlist the support of the Vermont Superintendents Association, Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators, Vermont Business Managers Association and work with legislators by January 2025 to provide recommendations for changes to the Governor and their appointed State Board of Education and Secretary of Agency of Education so that Vermont students receive the benefits of all the VSBA current on-going resolutions (I.F,I.L, II.B(4), II.S, III.B, III.C, and V.B).

VSBA RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: DO NOT PASS VSBA BOARD RECOMMENDATION: DO NOT PASS