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ESSA State Plan: Recommendation Form

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Question(s) being considered: How should Vermont hold Supervisory Unions/Districts responsible for the outcomes of students that attend schools other than those operated by the SU/SD?		
What ESSA requirements need to be met?: None		
Solution being proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vermont should not apply federal accountability to students who are not attending schools operated by entities other than the SU/SD. Vermont should apply state accountability requirements to all students reported in the annual census and counted for ADM. 		
Rationale: Explain why your proposal supports each decision logic element below: <i>Equity:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State law holds each Board and Supervisory Union responsible for the educational outcomes of the students it serves; this would ensure that communities know if all students are meeting state expectations. Provides the same information to all communities regardless of whether or not they operate schools. <i>Alignment with current VT policy and practice:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vermont Statute and Rules describe the expected outcomes of education for all students- these include the opportunity to master core academics, have support to achieve ambitious proficiencies through flexible pathways and personalized learning experiences and to graduate ready for career and college experiences. <i>Efficiency (streamlining processes, eliminating duplicative systems or requirements):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This solution will require Supervisory Unions that have students in schools they don't operate to collect relevant data regarding state outcomes. <i>Possibility (implementation feasibility for the AOE and impacted stakeholders):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This recommendation will create no new implementation burden for the state. 		
Identify any known or potential risks associated with your proposed solution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential: If a school system is unable to collect relevant data from partner schools, it may appear as if it is low performing when it is not. Potential: Entities that provide educational services to students from school systems that don't operate particular grades may not wish to provide the relevant data for inclusion in the system. 		
What are the expected benefits associated with your proposed solution?: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holds all public school systems accountable for student results regardless of their operating status. Allows communities that do not operate schools to know as much about the services their children receive as the communities that operate schools. 		
Secretary's Decision <div style="float: right; text-align: right;"> Date: 11/6/16 Initials: RH </div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Confirm recommendation of ESSA State Plan Management Team <input type="checkbox"/> Reject recommendation of ESSA State Plan Management Team and offer the following as an alternative:		