Study Committee Worksheet for All Phases of Voluntary Merger

*Please submit this to the Agency with the Study Committee Report*

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| Current Supervisory Union or Unions (list each) | Potentially Merging Districts Pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 706b(b)(1)-(2) (list each) | Is the District: | |
| Necessary | Advisable |
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| Type of Merger | |
| *Please refer to the related eligibility worksheets to determine baseline eligibility for each merger type.* | **(column reserved for agency use)** |
| **~~Accelerated Merger~~** ~~(Act 46, Section 6)~~ |  |
| **A Regional Education District (RED) or one of its variations** (Act 153 (2010) and Act 156 (2012))  **RED** (Act 153, Secs. 2-3, as amended by Act 156 , Sec. 1 and Act 46, Sec. 16)  **Side by Side Merger** (Act 156 , Sec. 15)  Districts involved in the related merger:  **Layered Merger (Union Elementary School District)** (Act 156, Sec. 16)  **Modified Unified Union School District (MUUSD)** (Act 156, Sec. 17, as amended by Act 56 (2013), Sec. 3) |  |
| **Conventional Merger – merger into a preferred structure after deadline for an Accelerated Merger** (Act 46, Section 7) |  |

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| Dates, ADM, and Name | |
| **Date on which the proposal will be submitted to the voters of each district** (16 V.S.A. § 706b(b)(11)): |  |
| **Date on which the new district, if approved, will begin operating** (16 V.S.A. § 706b(b)(12)): |  |
| **Combined ADM of all “necessary” districts in the current fiscal year:** |  |
| **Proposed name of new district:** |  |

**Please complete the following tables with brief, specific statements of how the proposed union school district will comply with the each of the listed items. *Bulleted statements are acceptable.***

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| The Proposed School District is in the Best Interest of the State, Students, and School Districts – as required by 16 V.S.A. § 706c | | |
| Goal #1: The proposed union school district will provide substantial equity in the quality and variety of educational opportunities.  *Act 46, Sec. 2(1)* |  |  |
| Goal #2: The proposed union school district will lead students to achieve or exceed the State’s Education Quality Standards, adopted as rules by the State Board of Education at the direction of the General Assembly.  *Act 46, Sec. 2(2)* |  |  |
| Goal #3: The proposed union school district will maximize operational efficiencies through increased flexibility to manage, share, and transfer resources, with a goal of increasing the district-level ratio of students to full-time equivalent staff.  *Act 46, Sec. 2(3)* |  |  |
| Goal #4: The proposed union school district will promote transparency and accountability.  *Act 46, Sec. 2(4)* |  |  |
| Goal #5: The proposed union school district will deliver education at a cost that parents, voters, and taxpayers value.  *Act 46, Sec. 2(5)* |  |  |
| Regional Effects:  What would be the regional effects of the proposed union school district, including: would the proposed union school district leave one or more other districts geographically isolated?  *Act 46, Section 8(a)(2)* |  |  |

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| Articles of Agreement – as required by 16 V.S.A. § 706b(b)(3) - (10), (13) | | |
| (3) The grades to be operated by the proposed union school district  The grades, if any, for which the proposed union school district shall pay tuition |  |  |
| (4) The cost and general location of any proposed new schools to be constructed  The cost and general description of any proposed renovations |  |  |
| (5) A plan for the first year of the proposed union school district's operation for:  (A) the transportation of students  (B) the assignment of staff  (C) curriculum  The plan must be consistent with existing contracts, collective bargaining agreements, and other provisions of law, including 16 V.S.A. chapter 53, subchapter 3 (transition of employees) |  |  |
| (6) The indebtedness of the proposed merging districts that the proposed union school district shall assume. |  |  |
| (7) The specific pieces of real property owned by the proposed merging districts that the proposed union school district shall acquire, including:  \* their valuation  \* how the proposed union school district shall pay for them |  |  |
| (8) *[repealed 2004 Acts and Resolves No. 130, Sec. 15]* |  |  |
| (9) Consistent with the proportional representation requirements of the Equal Protection Clause, the method of apportioning the representation that each proposed member town shall have on the proposed union school board  \* no more than 18 members total  \* each member town is entitled to at least one representative  \* *see also* 16 V.S.A. § 706k(c):  one or more at-large directors  \* *see also* 16 V.S.A. § 707(c):  weighted voting |  |  |
| (10) The term of office of directors initially elected, to be arranged so that one-third expire on the day of each annual meeting of the proposed union school district, beginning on the second annual meeting, or as near to that proportion as possible |  |  |
| (13) Any other matters that the study committee considers pertinent, including whether votes on the union school district budget or public questions shall be by Australian ballot  ***(please list each matter separately)*** |  |  |