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## **Ten Supervisory Unions, Districts Selected for Special Education Review**

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**BARRE, Vt.** – Ten supervisory unions and supervisory districts throughout Vermont were selected for a Special Education Services Review, the Vermont Agency of Education announced today. The project will review current practices for the delivery of special education services against research-based best practices under a contract with the District Management Council (DMC).

This project is authorized in Sec. 4 of Act 148 (2016). The law requires the Agency select at least three supervisory unions or supervisory districts with an average daily membership (ADM) of 1,500 students or more, and at least three unified union school districts formed pursuant to Act 46 of 2015.

“The purpose of this project is to build local capacity to better manage systems and deliver services,” said Rebecca Holcombe, Secretary of Education. “All our systems strive to get the best value for students out of every dollar. DMC’s mission is to help systems figure out how to provide high quality care for students in the most cost-effective way possible. What we learn from these systems, we hope to share with others that were not able to participate.”

Supervisory unions and supervisory districts with an ADM of 1,500 or more selected for the project are the Milton Supervisory District, the Hartford Supervisory District, Franklin Northeast Supervisory Union and Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union.

Unified Unions under Act 46 selected for the reviews are Addison Central Supervisory Union, Essex Town & Essex Junction, Washington West Supervisory Union and Orange Southwest Supervisory Union.

Orleans Central and Windham Central Supervisory Union were also selected to participate in the project.

The Agency’s contract with DMC provides that the cost for reviewing a supervisory union or supervisory district will be \$50,000, with the State paying \$45,000 and the supervisory union being responsible for the remaining \$5,000.

### **About DMC**

The District Management Council (DMC) was founded in 2004 to help address the most pressing and important management challenges facing American educators. DMC partners

with public school district leaders to improve student outcomes, operational efficiency, and resource allocation.

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