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Subject: WSESU Board Composition Waiver request

The Windham Southeast Supervisory Union Board hereby requests the State Board of Education to waive the current requirements of 16 V.S.A. § 261.

As of the implementation of Act 46 mergers, the WSESU will contain only two school districts and therefore our SU composition will be, per state statute, six members; three from Vernon and three total from the other four towns of Brattleboro, Dummerston, Guilford and Putney.

As we believe this to be disproportionate and not in the public interest, we recommend upon the event of a merger of existing school districts, a new structure with equal representation of one member per town for a total board membership of five.

This action was taken at our meeting tonight and we are available to answer any questions.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Kerry Amidon

Chair, WSESU