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Ripton/Addison Central SD/SU Matters

Final Approval of Ripton’s Withdrawal and Reconstitution; Designation as an SD; Effective Dates

The State Board of Education:

1. FINDS that the conditions outlined in its Motion Conditionally Approving the Withdrawal and Reconstitution of the Ripton School District, issued on May 19, 2021, have been met; and

2. FINDS further that:
   a. None of the available options for providing supervisory union (SU) services to the Ripton School District is a good one; and
   b. The most prudent option at this time is to designate the Ripton School District to be its own supervisory district (i.e. a single-district SU); and

3. Pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 724(c) and to the request of the elected school board of the Ripton School District, the State Board
   a. APPROVES the request of the Ripton voters to withdraw from the Addison Central School District pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 724(c);
   b. DECLARES that the WITHDRAWAL of Ripton from the Addison Central School District shall be effective on July 1, 2023; and
   c. DECLARES:
      i. That the Ripton School District is RECONSTITUTED as a prekindergarten through grade 12 school district;
      ii. That the Ripton School District shall assume sole responsibility for the education of its resident students in prekindergarten through grade 12 on July 1, 2023 and that, until such time, the Addison Central School District/Supervisory District shall continue to be responsible for the education of all students residing in Ripton;
      iii. That until July 1, 2023, the Ripton School District and its duly elected school board shall exist solely for the purpose of transitioning to full operations; and
      iv. That the Ripton School District shall not be entitled to administrative or other SU services from the Addison Central Supervisory District; and
   d. DECLARES that, pursuant to 16 V.S.A. § 261(c), the Ripton School District is DESIGNATED to be its own supervisory district (i.e. a single-district SU) that shall be fully operational as a supervisory district on July 1, 2023.