



February 7, 2022

Town Manager
Office of the Selectboard
PO Box 730
67 Main Street
Stowe, VT 05672

Dear Vermont Board of Education,

The Stowe Town Clerk received a petition asking the Stowe Selectboard to warn the following article for voter consideration: Shall the Town of Stowe withdraw from the Lamoille South Unified Union School District?

The vote was held on 5/11/21 with 1,068 voting yes and 464 voting no.

On 5/28/21, the Vermont Office of the Secretary of State sent a letter to the Elmore and Morrystown Clerks stating in part, "Pursuant to 16 VSA 724, please find a certification of the Town of Stowe's vote to withdraw as a member of the Lamoille South Unified Union School District, as received by the Office of the Secretary of State on May, 24,2021. Please note that as the other members of the Lamoille South Unified Union School District, your towns are subject to certain voting requirements under 724 on whether to ratify the withdrawal of the Town of Stowe."

Then, on 12/7/21 both Morrystown and Elmore voted on the following article: Shall the town ratify the withdrawal of the Town of Stowe from the Lamoille South Unified Union School District pursuant to 16 VSA 724(b)?

Morrystown voted in favor of ratifying the withdrawal by a vote of 998-751. Elmore also voted in favor by a vote of 225-114 .

It is clear: the Town of Stowe voted overwhelmingly to approve the withdrawal and both of the other communities ratified it by substantive margins.

While we do not request that we appear and represent the Town of Stowe before the State Board of Education (four petitioners of Stowe's vote to withdraw will do that), as community leaders we strongly urge the State Board of Education to place Stowe's withdrawal on the schedule for your meeting on 2/16 and expeditiously grant Stowe's withdrawal.

Respectfully,

William W. Adams, II, Chair of the Stowe Selectboard

On behalf of the Stowe Selectboard

Cc: Representative Scheuermann
Senator Westman