



219 North Main Street, Suite 402
Barre, VT 05641 (p) 802-479-1030 | (f) 802-479-1835

Governance Update

From July 1, 2015 through **January 10, 2018**:

- Voters in **135** towns in **31** SUs:
 - Voted to merge **143** school districts into **35** new unified districts:
 - **31** unified union school districts (responsible for PK-12)
 - **4** modified unified union school districts (“MUUSDs”)

(In addition, the Mount Mansfield MUUSD was created in in 2014 (before Act 46) when voters in **5** towns voted to merge **6** districts into **1** new unified district – for totals of voters in **140** towns / **149** former districts / **36** new unified districts)
- The 35 post-Act 46 districts are organized to provide for K-12 education as follows:
 - **21** operate all grades
 - **12** operate K-6 or K-8 and pay tuition for the remaining grades
 - **2** pay tuition for all grades
- Voters will reconsider their November votes for **2** proposals in February
- Votes are final for **5** proposals that were not approved by the voters, where the districts have not subsequently presented a revised proposal or indicated they are likely to do so

The post-Act 46 activity also:

- Eliminated at least **4** SUs through redrawn SU boundaries
- Eliminated an additional **8** SUs and their related SU Boards through transformation of SUs into Supervisory Districts (single-district SUs)

Of the **78,733** *Kindergarten-Grade 12* students living in Vermont in the 2017-2018 academic year, approximately **52,077 (66%)** of them live (or will live) in a unified school district:

- Unified school districts created since Act 46 **33,337** (42% of all VT students)
- Mount Mansfield MUUSD (before Act 46) **2,245**
- Existing supervisory districts (Burlington, etc.) **16,495**

Although they have received final approval, the districts become fully operational in different years:

- July 1, 2016 – **4** unified districts became operational
- July 1, 2017 – **8** unified districts became operational
- July 1, 2018 – **19** unified districts become operational
- July 1, 2019 – **4** unified districts become operational

***Note:** The above numbers do not include any assumptions regarding the potential outcomes of reconsideration votes in:*

- *Ludlow-Mount Holly-Black River*
- *Pawlet-Rupert-Mettawee*