



WINDSOR SOUTHEAST SUPERVISORY UNION

*West Windsor/Windsor
Proposal for District Unification*



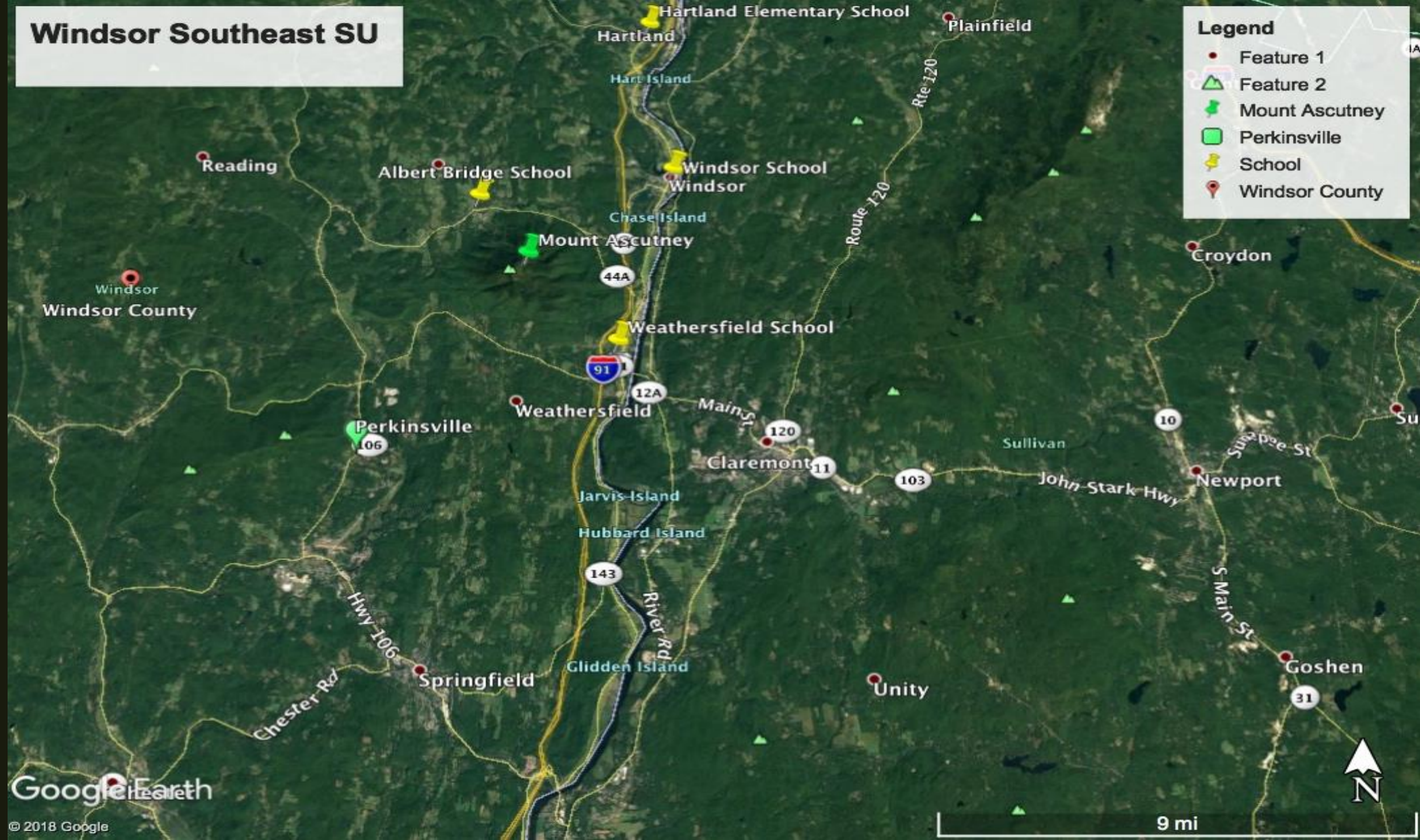
Windsor Southeast Supervisory Union Structure

- Hartland School District – PreK-8 Operating District
- Weathersfield School District – PreK-8 Operating District
- West Windsor School District – Pre-K-6 Operating District
- Windsor School District – PreK-12 Operating District

Windsor Southeast SU

Legend

- Feature 1
- ▲ Feature 2
- ◆ Mount Ascutney
- Perkinsville
- 📍 School
- 📍 Windsor County



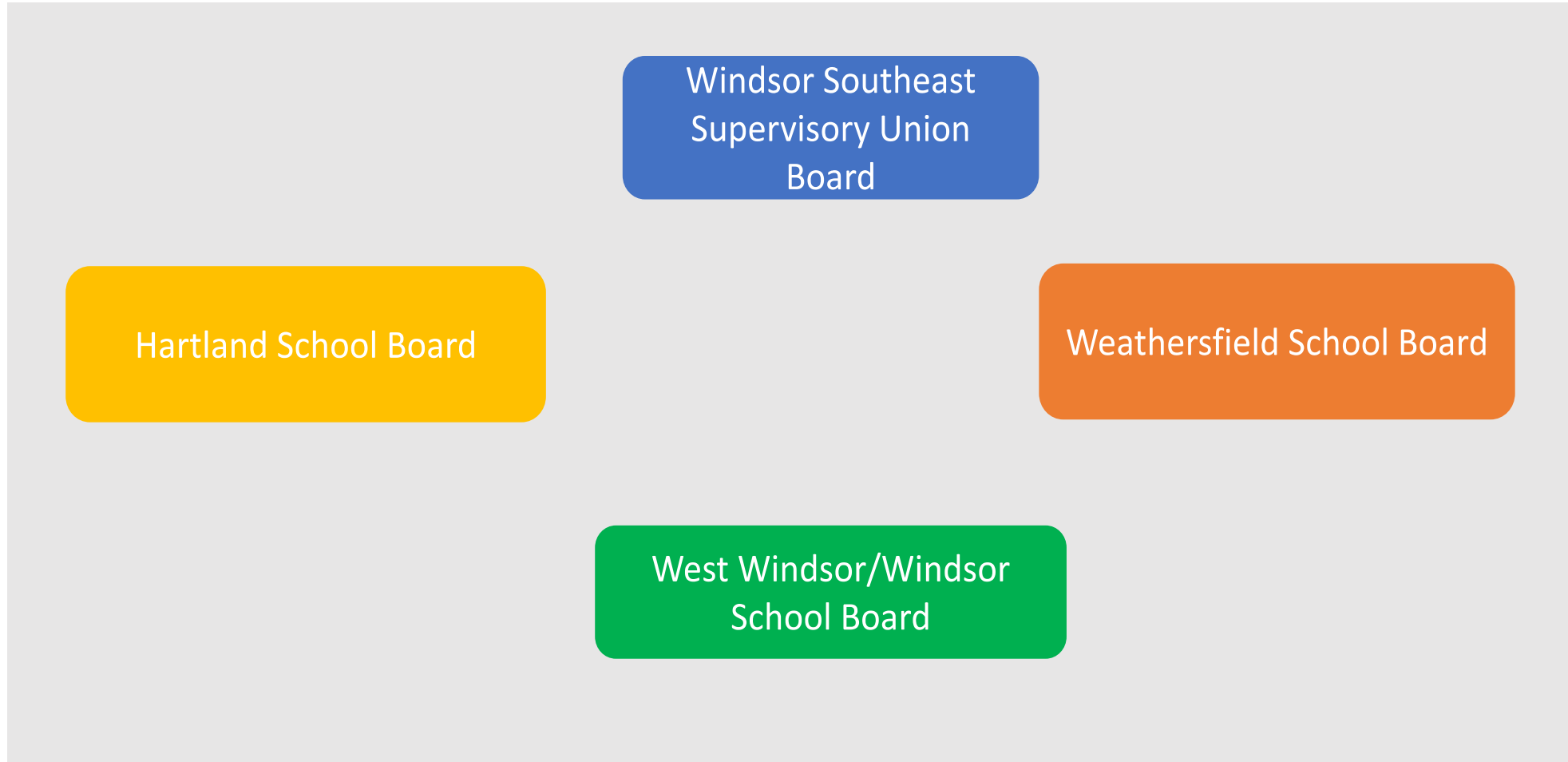
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Windsor Southeast 706 b Committee Process

Reviewed Seven (7) Governance Options over 2 years + Self-Study :

- Unified Union District – Single PreK-12 Operating District.
- 2X2 Regional Education District – One unified PreK-12 and One unified PreK-8.
- 3x1 Regional Education District – One Pre—12 and one unified PreK-6 or PreK-8.
- Maintain Current SU Structure.
- Maintain Current SU Structure but with fewest districts possible – PreK-8 Merger.
- Merger of West Windsor and Windsor within current SU structure.

Windsor Southeast - Proposed Alternative Governance Structure



West Windsor/Windsor Unification: Operational/Educational Challenges

❑ West Windsor Operational/Educational Challenges:

- *Cost of Tuitioning Middle and High School Students.*
- *Changing Demographics – Rising Special Education Costs.*
- *Declining Enrollment: Rising Student/Teacher Ratios Needed to Maintain Program.*

❑ Windsor Operational/Educational Challenges

- *Building Capacity – New Emphasis on Marketing Quality High School Program.*
- *Smaller Cohorts at Middle and High School – though stable overall enrollment.*

Merger Opportunities

- Bringing tuition dollars home ~\$940,000 over 6 years = Instructional and Program Development/Enhancement.
- Geographic proximity of the West Windsor and Windsor elementary schools:
 - Teacher and Program Sharing*
 - Intra-district School Choice*
- The opportunity for West Windsor 7th and 8th grade students to benefit from Windsor's current Design/Tech Education and Theater programs.
- Increased educational opportunity at Windsor Middle/High School due a larger and more stable cohort of students.
- New operational opportunities/potential savings in a merged district
- Equal representation and decision-making authority for both communities on a new unified school board.
- Commitment by both communities to maintain a school in West Windsor.
- Projected/unified tax rates that reduce the tax burden on West Windsor citizens without substantive increases for Windsor residents, particularly if the new board is able to find and apply additional operational savings due to merging core operations (outside of identified tuition savings) towards tax reduction.