

NEK CHOICE SD

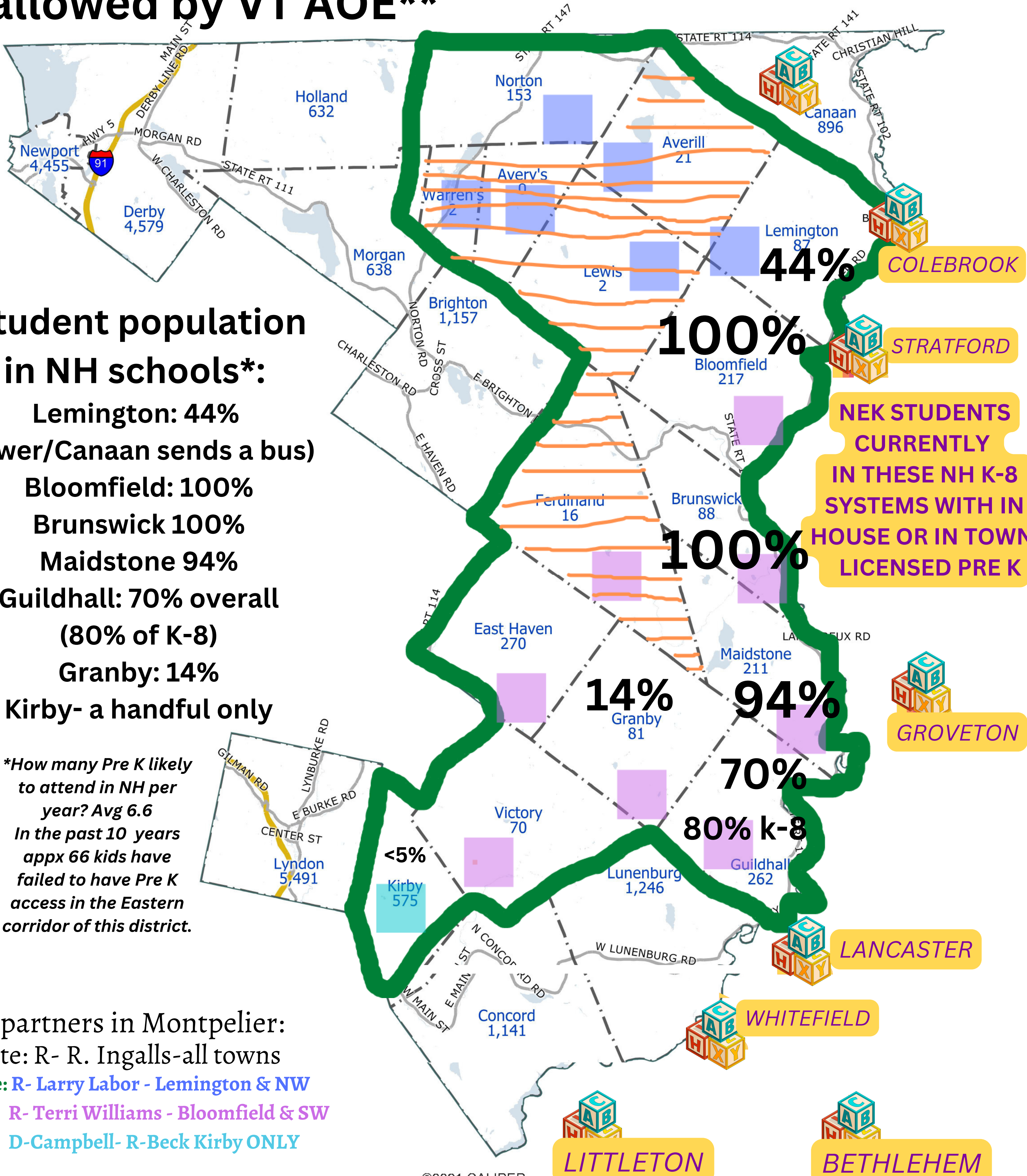
100% non-operating district

100% school choice K-12

****Pre K in NH not allowed by VT AOE****

VT Pre K is not "universal"

Solution: choice for Pre K due to proximity issues- they are going to these NH systems anyway at age 5 for Kindergarten. Turnkey system- we already have the tuition agreements & infrastructure to support the sending. Benefiting poorest, most rural area taxpayers, nearing 23% of district student census on IEP/504 plans at this time. We cannot afford to miss 2 years of early intervention. Expensive consequences and missed opportunity to support Essex County youth.



Student population in NH schools*:

- Lemington: 44% (lower/Canaan sends a bus)
- Bloomfield: 100%
- Brunswick 100%
- Maidstone 94%
- Guildhall: 70% overall (80% of K-8)
- Granby: 14%
- Kirby- a handful only

*How many Pre K likely to attend in NH per year? Avg 6.6
In the past 10 years appx 66 kids have failed to have Pre K access in the Eastern corridor of this district.

Our partners in Montpelier:

- Senate: R- R. Ingalls-all towns
- House: R- Larry Labor - Lemington & NW
- R- Terri Williams - Bloomfield & SW
- D-Campbell- R-Beck Kirby ONLY

Could they go to Canaan PreK? Except for Lemington probably not. 30 min drive one way Bloomfield - Canaan, 1 hour and 4 minutes Guildhall to Canaan. No busing. St J area/Brighton area Pre K out of reach as well proximity wise. These kids are going into NH systems anyway when they turn 5 as choice Kindergarten students. The solution is to give them Pre K choice due to extreme proximity issues and be integrated earlier into the systems they will be entering as Kindergarten students in NH.