

Update—Status Review of Merger Activities of School Districts and Supervisory Unions  
 January 23, 2014  
 House Education Committee  
 Vaughn Altemus, Agency of Education

<b>SU</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Timeline</b>	<b>1/23/14 Update</b>
<b>Studies</b>			
Two Rivers SU	Merger of Rutland-Windsor & Windsor SW SU		Fully operational July 1, 2013
<b>SU Merger Studies Initiated by the State Board upon the Recommendation of Secretary of Education</b>			
<b>Report presented to the State Board.</b>			
Windsor Northwest (Bethel/Rochester et al)	AOE Study Presented to the State Board	To be completed by Nov. SBE meeting  State Board recognized value of consolidation.	Varying degrees of concern over the allocation of districts resulted in a State Board directive to the SUs involved to present an allocation plan they preferred by June 1, 2014.
Battenkill Valley	AOE Study Presented to the State Board	State Board Declined to accept Agency's recommendation consolidate with Bennington-Rutla	Complete
<b>SU Merger Studies Underway.</b>			
Essex Caledonia (Concord et al)	SU Study; Permission to hire Supt.		Study begins January 2013; Ongoing
Orange East SU	SU Study; Permission to hire Supt. for 2 years (3 option);	SBE accepted SUs request to delay the study until the new superintendent was established.	Study begins January 2014; Update Due August 2014; Final report due January 2015
Washington South (Northfield/Roxbury)	SU Study: RED or join another SU	Reported submitted January 25, 2013; Awaiting results of Windsor Northwest Study OR Other options	Engaging in preliminary collaboration conversations with Orange North

Windham Southwest	SU Study; permission to hire Supt. for 2 years		Study to be completed by 4/30/14
Winooski SD	SD Study; Permission to hire Supt. for 2 years (3 option); Study	Study begins January 2013;	Update rec'd December 2013 was presented to SBE; Final Report Due May 1, 2014

<b>Modified Unified Union Studies</b>			
<b>Report Approved by the State Board of Education</b>			
Windsor Central SU, Members of the Leland & Gray Union vote on whether to establish a MUUSD. Awaiting decision on the voting date.			
<b>Study Grant Approved</b>			
Chittenden East SU districts recently began a study of the feasibility of a MUUSD.			
<b>Act 156 Grants</b>			
North Country SU	Examine feasibility of providing pre-school education for all communities and possibility of forming a union middle school for the west side of the SU.	Study begins Jan. 2013. Scheduled end is Dec. 2013.	Report not yet received.
Rutland SW SU	Study of proposed boundary change for Tinmouth from Rutland SW to Rutland South.	Study begins Sept. 2013. Scheduled end is Dec. 2013.	Supervisory Unions are preparing their responses to the proposal.
Windsor Central SU	Exploration of whether students in some or all districts of Barnard, Pomfret, Bridgewater and Woodstock would benefit from a joint contract school or schools.	Study begins July 2013. Scheduled end is Jan. 2014.	Report not yet received.
Windsor SE SU	For all districts explore options for joint activities that can improve educational opportunity and equity and explore possible scenarios leading to a unified union school board	Study begins Aug. 2013. Scheduled end is June. 2014.	

SU	Status	Timeline	Result
<b>Studies Currently Active</b>			
Essex Caledonia (Concord et al)	Study	Begins January 2013	
Orange East SU	Study; Permission to hire Supt. for 2 years (3 option); Study	Study begins January 2014; Update Due August 2014; Final report due January 2015	
Washington South (Northfield/Roxbury)	RED or join another SU	Submitted January 25, 2013; awaiting results of Windsor Northwest Study OR Other options	
Windham Southwest	Study; permission to hire Supt. for 2 years	Study to be completed by 4/30/14; Update due ??	
Windsor Northwest (Bethel/Rochester et al)	Study	To be completed by May 2013 (timeline will need to be adjusted)	
Winooski SD	Study; Permission to hire Supt. for 2 years (3 option); Study	Study begins January 2013; Update Due December 2013; Final Report Due May 1, 2014	
<b>REDs Approved by State Board of Education Defeated by Voters</b>			
Addison Northwest SU	RED formation request to SBE 12/21/2010	Defeated by voters	Complete
Chittenden East (Richmond/Jericho et al)	Red formation request to SBE 4/19/11	Defeated by Voters	Complete
Franklin West (Fairfax/Fletcher)	RED formation request to SBE 9/20/11	Defeated by Voters	Complete
Orange Southwest SU (Randolph et al)	RED formation request to SBE 8/21/12	Defeated by Voters	Complete
<b>Study Committee Recommended Against Action</b>			
Chittenden South	RED study	Study committee recommended against formation of a RED	Complete.
Lamoille South SU (Stowe/Morrisville et al)	RED formation request to SBE 8/21/12. Approved. Study committee petitioned to reconsider.	Study committee recommended against formation of a RED	Complete