VESchool MIFTS Project Summary and Status D

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- Summer/Fall 2013:
 - Initial Test Call Project Conducted
 - Test Calls from 95% of public schools completed
 - O Approximately 12% of phones tested were sending all required information
- January April 2014:
 - O Workshops presented via the Agency of Education learning network to help schools understand the requirements as well as their options. Not well attended.
 - Engaged Marion Kenseth, who has a long working relationship with many
 Vermont schools to help ensure the options were understood.
 - O The Board was asked by the Vermont Superintendent's Assn to obtain clarity on the legal requirements of the statute upon which the Board relies to seek compliance with the requirement to send both address and room number information with landline calls to 9-1-1.
 - The AG's office determined "school districts may participate in the enhanced 9-1-1 system but have not been mandated to take specific action by a date certain".

• May 2014:

 Act 178 directed the Enhanced 9-1-1 Board, in consultation with the Agency of Education, to conduct a statewide assessment in each school district to determine the needs for compliance with the Enhanced 9-1-1 program and to report the information to House Corrections and Institutions and Senate Institutions
 Committees by January 15, 2015.

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• January 2015:

A summary of the progress to date was provided to those committees on January 20,
 2015, however the summary did not address the committee's question re: a
 statewide assessment of the needs for compliance.

• February 2015:

- O A survey was developed in consultation with the Agency of Education to attempt to obtain the necessary information for the assessment required by Act 178.
 - 12 responses were received. 59 schools in 12 supervisory unions.
 - 41 schools self-reported "compliant" with 9-1-1 requirements.
 - Potentially 22 additional schools from 2013 (needs testing for confirmation)
 - If testing confirms, this would increase compliant school number in 2013 report to approximately 19%
 - 18 schools self-reported "not compliant" and indicated the following would be needed to become compliant:
 - 5 full system replacements
 - 8 direct inward dialing
 - 5 modifications to existing systems.

• April 2015:

O Change in Executive Director at 9-1-1 Board.

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- January 2016:
 - 9-1-1 Board Vice-Chair Roger Marcoux and Executive Director Barb Neal contacted Senator Mazza to provide an update on where the project was left in the last legislative session.
 - O Testimony scheduled for 2/23/2016 at Senate Institutions to provide the status and obtain direction from the committee.

Next Steps:

- Confirm understanding of committee's direction and timeline
- Follow up with respondents on first survey to confirm understanding of info provided and arrange testing as needed.
- Reissue survey based on required timeline
 - O Fine tune questions with input from Board's Database department
 - O Develop a method of tracking responses, following up with respondents and those we don't respond