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## **Governance Update - *draft***

### **From July 1, 2015 through January 2, 2018:**

- Voters in **132** towns in **31** SUs:
  - Voted to merge **139** school districts into **34** new unified districts:
    - **30** 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 **137** towns / **145** former districts / **35** new unified districts)
- The 34 post-Act 46 districts are organized to provide for K-12 education as follows:
  - **21** operate all grades
  - **11** 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 **4** proposals in January or February
- Votes are final for **4** proposals that were not approved by the voters, where the districts have not presented a revised proposal or indicated the likelihood of doing 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 **51,742 (66%)** of them live (or will live) in a unified school district:

- Unified school districts created since Act 46 **33,002** (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 – 18 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:*

- *Chelsea-Tunbridge*
- *Ludlow-Mount Holly-Black River*
- *Pawlet-Rupert-Mettawee*
- *Woodford (SW VT SU)*