

## Governance Update –

From July 1, 2015 through March 13, 2018:

- Voters in **141** towns in **32** SUs:
  - Voted to merge **151** school districts into **38** new unified districts:
    - **34** 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 **146** towns / **157** former districts / **39** new unified districts)

- The 38 post-Act 46 districts are organized to provide for K-12 education as follows:
  - **22** operate all grades
  - **14** operate K-6 or K-8 and pay tuition for the remaining grades
  - **2** pay tuition for all grades
- Votes are final for **5** proposals that were not approved by the voters, where the districts have not subsequently 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 **53,247 (67.6%)** of them live (or will live) in a unified school district:

- Unified school districts created since Act 46      **34,507** (43,8% 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 38 new 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 – 21 unified districts become operational
- July 1, 2019 – 5 unified districts become operational

*Note: The above numbers assume that the Windsor and West Windsor voters’ approval of a new district on March 6, 2018 is not subject to a reconsideration vote that reverses the outcome.*