

Subject: Chittenden County Can Lead on School Administrative Reform

**Sent: Tue, Jan 27, 2026 at 4:02 PM**

Dear Senator Hinsdale,

I'm writing as a South Burlington constituent with a proposal that could save Chittenden County taxpayers \$20 million annually while avoiding the political challenges of cross-county consolidation.

As you work on the historic education reform in VT, I believe Chittenden County has an opportunity to pioneer a practical solution: county-level administrative consolidation that preserves complete local control over curriculum and teaching while eliminating wasteful duplication.

**The Data:**

- Our eight Chittenden County districts added 288 back-office and administrative positions since 2020 (+33%)
- Current administrative cost: \$85.2M annually serving 21,700 students
- Eight parallel infrastructures: 8 superintendents, 8 finance departments, 8 IT operations, 8 facilities teams
- Proven models exist: New York's BOCES enables 175 districts to share business office functions, saving millions

**The Opportunity:**

Consolidating back-office functions (payroll, HR, finance, IT, purchasing, facilities) while preserving local control over education could save \$19.8M-\$24.2M annually. This is property tax relief your constituents are demanding.

I've prepared a summary of my detailed analysis. Would you have 15-20 minutes in the next two weeks to discuss how Chittenden County could lead Vermont on this issue?

I can meet at the Statehouse or via Zoom at your convenience. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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