

Please see the written points for me testimony from today. Please submit to the committee.

Thank you for allowing me to speak today.

### **Request for Standalone Supervisory District (SD) Designation**

- **Proven Scale and Success:** Since unifying in 2019, MVSD has operated as a cohesive PK-12 district serving over **1,800 students**. This population significantly exceeds several districts currently proposed as standalone SDs, including Montpelier Roxbury (1,178), Addison Northwest (932), and Winooski (783).
- **Highly Efficient Operations:** MVSD is a model of fiscal responsibility, spending only **\$12,173 per LTWADM**.
- **Superior Educational Outcomes:** Despite being a low-spending district, our student outcomes are among the best in the county, consistently outperforming our larger, higher-spending neighbors.
- **Operational Misalignment in SU#11: \* CTE Conflict:** The proposed inclusion in SU#11 would decouple MVSD from our current CTE center (Northwest Career and Technical Center), disrupting established student pathways.
  - **Structural Incompatibility:** MVSD shares no common configurations with Franklin Northeast or Grand Isle. Our integrated PK-12 model (Swanton, Franklin, and Highgate feeding into MVU) is distinct and historically recognized as incompatible with the K-8/high school choice models of neighboring towns.
- **Clear Local Mandate:** Our Board recently held a formal vote on whether to advocate for inclusion in an SU; **that vote failed**. There is no local appetite or educational justification for reverting to an SU structure.
- **Protecting Progress:** Moving a unified, high-performing district back into an SU model is a regressive step that threatens the operational effectiveness and local governance stability we have spent years building

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