

Redistricting Maps: Scenarios and Considerations

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Presentation Overview

At the request of the Redistricting Task Force, the AOE and ADS coordinated to produce various conceptual map scenarios — some of which were not formally presented or voted on by the Task Force.

Today's agenda:

- Act 73 Mapping Resources (Demo)
- Review of Act 73 goals and priorities
- Sample map scenarios:
 - VSBA Regions
 - Regional High Schools
 - Hybrid
 - (**Note:** the AOE and ADS have not endorsed any specific map, including those in today's presentation.)

Act 73: Redistricting Requirements

- **Section 3(c):** *The Task Force shall study and consider different configurations for school district consolidation and propose not more than three options for new school district boundaries.*
- **Section 3(c)(1):** *Proposed new school districts or supervisory unions and supervisory districts shall have, to the extent practical, an average daily membership of not fewer than approximately 4,000 and not more than 8,000 prekindergarten through grade 12 students.*
- **Section 3(c)(2):** *Proposed new school districts or supervisory unions and supervisory districts shall also be, to the greatest extent possible, grand list and pupil-count balanced, demographically equitable, logistically feasible, and create the least amount of disruption to students as possible.*

Act 73: Redistricting Considerations

Section 3(c)(3): *In creating the proposed districts, the Task Force shall consider the following with the goal of increasing equitable access to educational opportunity for all students:*

- (a) Current school district and town boundaries and other historic and current community connections, including access to regional services for students, such as designated agencies;*
- (b) Geographic barriers, including mountains and rivers;*
- (c) Population distribution;*
- (d) Location, capacity, and the facility condition index score of current school buildings;*
- (e) Transportation and employment patterns and practices;*
- (f) Grand list values accounting for the homestead exemption and current education spending;*
- (g) Student demographics;*
- (h) The debt, liabilities, and assets of current school districts;*
- (i) Staffing levels and salary scales;*
- (j) Opportunities to support local elementary schools, central middle schools, and regional high schools, with the least disruption to students;*
- (k) Access to career and technical education (CTE) for all eligible students;*
- (l) The maximization of cost efficiencies;*
- (m) The location of schools and CTE centers; and*
- (n) Any other factors the Task Force deems relevant.*

Example Redistricting Scenarios

Three scenarios are included in this presentation:

- VSBA Regions
- Regional High School Districts
- A third example is offered that is a hybrid of the two
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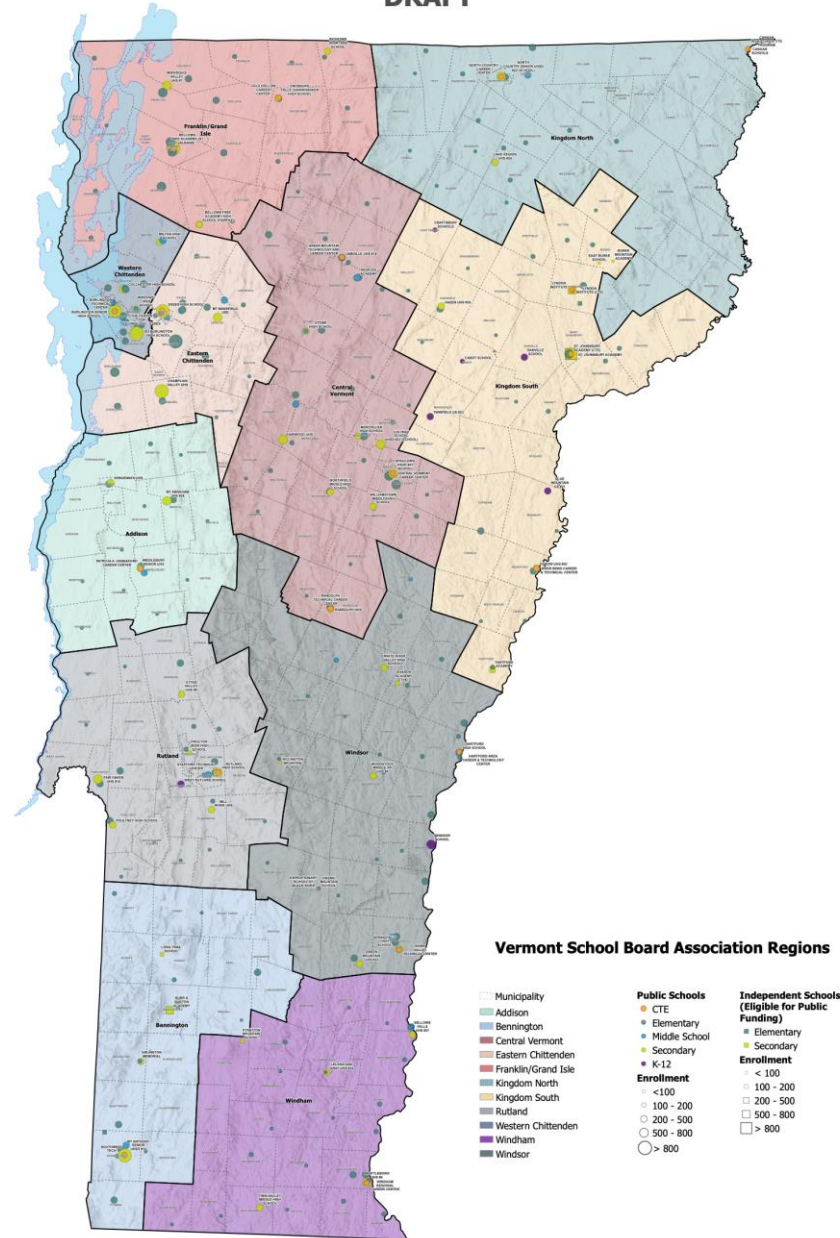
VSBA Regions

- Regions established by the Vermont School Boards Association (VSBA)
- Generally organized around counties with existing SU/SDs grouped together:
 - **ADDISON:** Addison Central, Addison Northwest, Lincoln, Mt. Abraham
 - **BENNINGTON:** Bennington-Rutland, Southwest Vermont
 - **CENTRAL VT:** Barre, Central Vermont, Harwood, Lamoille North, Lamoille South, Montpelier-Roxbury, Orange Southwest, Washington Central
 - **EASTERN CHITTENDEN:** Champlain Valley, Essex-Westford, Mt Mansfield
 - **FRANKLIN/GRAND ISLE:** Franklin Northeast, Franklin West, Grand Isle, Maple Run, Missisquoi Valley
 - **KINGDOM NORTH:** Essex North, North Country, Orleans Central
 - **KINGDOM SOUTH:** Caledonia Central, Kingdom East, Orange East, Orleans Southwest, St. Johnsbury, Rivendell Interstate
 - **RUTLAND:** Greater Rutland County, Mill River, Rutland City, Rutland Northeast, Slate Valley
 - **WESTERN CHITTENDEN:** Burlington, Colchester, Milton, South Burlington, Winooski
 - **WINDHAM:** Windham Central, Windham Northeast, Windham Southeast, Windham Southwest
 - **WINDSOR:** Hartford, Mountain Views, SAU 70, Springfield, Two Rivers, White River Valley, Windsor Southeast
- *Considerations: four districts still over 9,000 ADM, not every district includes a regional high school*

VSBA Regions

District	ADM
Addison	4,044
Bennington	5,467
Central VT	11,936
Eastern Chittenden	10,347
Franklin/Grand Isle	9,122
Kingdom North	4,117
Kingdom South	7,372
Rutland	7,112
Western Chittenden	10,591
Windham	5,121
Windsor	8,138

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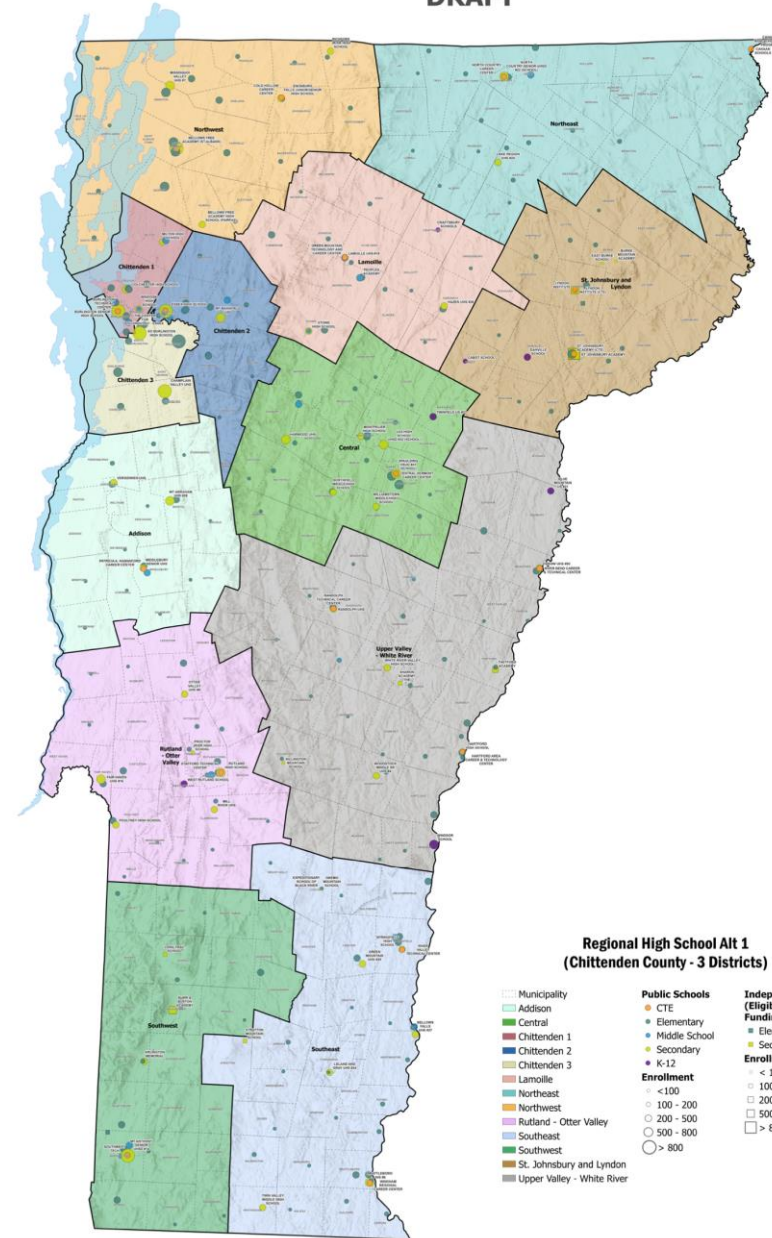
Regional High School Districts

- Developed to ensure a regional high school within each district
- Initial Regional High School District map included a single Chittenden district
 - Based on stakeholder feedback, this version has been modified to split Chittenden into three districts with roughly 6,000 to 8,000 students each
- *Considerations: not all existing SU/SDs together; one district still over 9,000 students*

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Addison	4,044
Central	7,871
Chittenden 1	8,016
Chittenden 2	6,221
Chittenden 3	6,701
Lamoille	4,277
Northeast	4,117
Northwest	9,122
Rutland-Otter Valley	6,841
Southeast	7,477
Southwest	5,666
St. J & Lyndon	4,270
Upper Valley- White River	8,744

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Hybrid Scenario

- The VSBA and Regional HS District scenarios:
 - Are similar in scale and overlap in many areas
 - Provide greater balance between districts in terms of need and property wealth compared to current district or current SU/SD configurations
 - Differ in how well other priorities (like allowing for regional high schools and reducing disruption by keeping existing SU/SDs together) can be met
 - Both include districts that are over 8,000 ADM
- A third hybrid scenario is offered as an example for how to blend the VSBA and Regional HS maps to leverage the benefits of each:
 - Starts with VSBA Regions map
 - Keeps existing SU/SDs together
 - Ensures K-12 districts with regional high schools
 - Splits Chittenden into three districts based on Regional HS map
 - Splits Central Vermont into two districts based on Regional HS map
- *Considerations: one district still above 9,000 ADM*

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