

## Governance Update

From July 1, 2015 through October 25, 2017:

- Voters in **129** towns in **30** SUs:
  - Voted to merge **139** school districts into **32** unified districts:
    - **28** unified union school districts (responsible for PK-12)
    - **4** modified unified union school districts (“MUUSDs”)

These numbers do NOT include creation of the Mount Mansfield MUUSD in 2014 (before Act 46), by which voters in **5** towns voted to merge **6** districts into **1** new unified district (these numbers do not include the Huntington Town Elementary School District, which did not approve the proposal) – for totals of voters in **134** towns / **145** former districts / **33** new unified districts

- Voters declined to approve **4** proposals in SUs where the districts have not subsequently presented a revised proposal
- In November, voters in an additional **22** towns will decide whether to unify **26** school districts into **8** new unified districts
- The activity above 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 approximately 87,000 Prekindergarten-Grade 12 students living in Vermont in the 2015-2016 academic year, approximately **56,635 (65%)** of them live (or will live) in a unified school district:

- Unified school districts created since Act 46      **35,795 (41%)**
- Mount Mansfield MUUSD (before Act 46)      2,465
- Existing supervisory districts (Burlington, etc.)      18,375

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 – 17 unified districts become operational
- July 1, 2019 – 3 unified districts become operational

**Note:** *All of the above numbers assume:*

1. *The affirmative votes of the Bethel and Royalton voters on October 24 are not the subject of a negative reconsideration vote (an affirmative vote here also enables the Granville-Hancock UUSD to proceed)*
2. *Peacham voters will approve the proposal to remain a single-town school district, enabling the Caledonia Cooperative UUSD proposal to proceed*

**Note:** *For purposes of consistency, student numbers continue to reflect FY2016 data. They will be updated to more current numbers when the November voluntary merger votes are finalized.*