

Act 46 Merger Update Jan. 19, 2017

To date, there have been successful merger votes in 58 towns across 14 supervisory unions. As a result, 66 school districts will merge into 13 unified union school districts and one modified unified union school district.

Some newly merged systems are already operational, including the Elmore-Morristown and Mill River unified union school districts. Nine systems that have received voter approval to merge will become operational in July: Addison Central, Addison Northwest, Chittenden Central, Chittenden South, Essex Town, Franklin Central, Lamoille North, Orange Southwest, and Washington West.

On Town Meeting Day in March, residents will vote on school-district merger plans for communities within 10 supervisory unions: Addison-Rutland, Bennington-Rutland, Caledonia North, Essex-Caledonia, Essex North, Rutland Central, Rutland Southwest, Windham Central, Windham Northeast, and Windsor Central.

Looking further ahead, merger votes are expected to take place April 11 for districts within the Two Rivers and the White River Valley supervisory unions. Also expected in April are merger votes for Northfield and Williamstown, as well as Orange and Washington. School officials in the Montpelier and Roxbury school districts are tentatively looking at a merger vote date in June.

Addition, the Project is supporting merger studies in Blue Mountain, Caledonia Central, Orange East, and Windham Southwest, as well as an alternative structure study for Greensboro, Peacham and Stannard.

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