

**SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING
WARNING
MOUNT ABRAHAM UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

The legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District consisting of Bristol, Monkton, New Haven, and Starksboro are hereby notified and warned to meet at the official polling places of the respective towns comprising the District on Tuesday, November, 8, 2022 at which time the polls will open at 7:00 in the forenoon and close at 7:00 in the evening to vote on the following articles by Australian Ballot:

Article I. FORMATION OF UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

Shall the Mount Abraham Unified School District #61, consisting of the towns of Bristol, Monkton, New Haven and Starksboro, which the proposed articles of agreement have identified as necessary to the formation of the proposed union school district, join with the Addison Northwest School District #54, consisting of the towns of Addison, Ferrisburgh, Panton, Vergennes, and Waltham which are identified as "necessary" to formation, for the purpose of forming a union school district, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements:

- (a) Grades. The union school district shall be organized to provide for the education of resident students in grades Pre-Kindergarten (PK) through twelfth (12) and shall assume full and sole responsibility therefore on July 1, 2023.
- (b) Operation of schools. The union school district shall operate and manage one or more schools offering instruction in grades Pre-Kindergarten (PK) through twelfth(12).
- (c) Union school district board. The New School District Board of Directors shall be composed of fifteen (15) directors who shall have equal votes and shall be determined as follows:
 - (1) The combined population of all Necessary Towns (and after the formation of the New School District, the town of each forming District referred to as "Member Town"), determined by the most recent U.S. Census will be divided by fifteen (15). Each Member Town shall have at minimum one (1) representative to the Board of Directors. Representation of each Member Town shall be determined by a vote of the eligible voters of each town separately and the number of board members allocated each town shall be done proportionately based on town population and weighted as necessary.
 - (2) The Initial Board of Directors shall have the following allocation:

NUMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS BY TOWN

<u>Town</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Population</u>	<u>Individual</u>	<u>Weight Value</u>
Addison	1	1365		8.05
Bristol	3	3782		7.43
Ferrisburgh	2	2646		7.80
Monkton	2	2079		6.13
New Haven	1	1683		9.93
Panton	1	646		3.81
Starksboro	2	1756		5.18
Vergennes	2	2553		7.53
Waltham	1	446		2.63

- (d) Assumption of debts, ownership of school property, and operating funds surpluses and deficits. No later than June 30, 2023, the union school district shall assume the indebtedness of forming districts, acquire the school properties of the forming districts, and pay for them, all as specified in the final report and proposed articles of agreement. Addison North School District shall assume any and all general operating surpluses and deficits of the Forming Entities that may exist at the close of business on June 30, 2023. In addition, reserve funds identified for specific purposes will be transferred to the Addison North School District and will be applied for said purposes unless otherwise determined through appropriate legal procedures.
- (e) Final report. The provisions of the final report and proposed articles of agreement approved by the State Board of Education on the 20th day of July, 2022, which is on file in the office of the clerk of each school district named in this warning, shall govern the union school district.
- (f) School Closure.

An elementary school within the Addison North School District cannot be closed for all grades k-5 without a vote of the electorate as follows:

- (1) At any time during the first four (4) years of the Addison North School District's operation, an elementary school for all grades may be closed with a majority of the vote of the towns whose resident students attend that school as of the operational date of the Addison North School District.
- (2) After the first four (4) years of operations, an elementary school may be closed with approval of two-thirds (2/3) majority of a

quorum of the Board of Directors of the Addison North School District and approval of a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the voters of the Addison North School District.

- (3) An elementary school will not otherwise be closed.
- (4) School closure shall be defined as the District ceases to use the school building for the provision of direct education for a majority of grades operated within the building in the year prior to the first date of operations of the Addison North School District.

Article II. ELECTION OF INITIAL MEMBERS OF THE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD

To elect a total of fifteen (15) member(s) to serve as initial members of the proposed union school district board for the terms established in the final report and proposed articles of agreement: Representation of each Member Town to the Board of Directors shall be determined by each town separately and not at-large.

- (a) Addison North School District, 1 Addison Board Member to serve for a 2 year term
- (b) Addison North School District, 1 Bristol Board Member to serve for a 1 year term
- (c) Addison North School District, 1 Bristol Board Member to serve for a 2 year term
- (d) Addison North School District, 1 Bristol Board Member to serve for a 3 year term
- (e) Addison North School District, 1 Ferrisburgh Board Member to serve for a 1 year term
- (f) Addison North School District, 1 Ferrisburgh Board Member to serve for a 3 year term
- (g) Addison North School District, 1 Monkton Board Member to serve for a 1 year term
- (h) Addison North School District, 1 Monkton Board Member to serve for a 3 year term
- (i) Addison North School District, 1 New Haven Board Member to serve for a 2 year term
- (j) Addison North School District, 1 Panton Board Member to serve for a 2 year term
- (k) Addison North School District, 1 Starksboro Board Member to serve for a 1 year term
- (l) Addison North School District, 1 Starksboro Board Member to serve for a 3 year term
- (m) Addison North School District, 1 Vergennes Board Member to serve for a 1 year term
- (n) Addison North School District, 1 Vergennes Board Member to serve for a 2 year term
- (o) Addison North School District, 1 Waltham Board Member to serve for a 3 year term

Voters of the Town of Bristol will vote at Holley Hall located at 1 South St, Bristol, VT 05443. The Polls will open on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Monkton will vote at the Monkton Fire Station located at 3747 States Prison Hollow Rd, Monkton, VT 05469. The Polls will open on Tuesday, November 8, 2020 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town New Haven will vote at the New Haven Town Hall located at 76 North St, New Haven, VT 05472. The Polls will open on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM.

Voters of the Town of Starksboro will vote at the Robinson Elementary School located at 41 Parsonage Rd, Starksboro, VT 05487. The Polls will open on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 7:00AM and close at 7:00 PM.

The legal voters of the Mount Abraham Unified School District are further notified that voter qualification and registration relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Section 706(u) of Title 16, and Chapters 43, 51 and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

The voters are further notified that on November 1, 2022 at 6:00 PM the Mount Abraham Unified School District Board of Directors will hold a public informational meeting at Holley Hall in Bristol to discuss the articles set forth above.

Dated at Bristol, Vermont this 27th day of September , 2022.

Mount Abraham Unified School District Board of Directors:

Dawn Griswold, MAUSD Board Chair

Received for the record and recorded this 27th day of September, 2022 by:
Jennifer Bauer, Clerk of The District