

DANVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ACT 46 MERGER VOTE, TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Instructions to Voters:

If you are in favor of the Article, mark a cross (X) in the square marked YES

If you are opposed of the Article, mark a cross (X) in the square marked NO

Article I

Shall the school district of Danville, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed union school district, join with the school districts of Cabot and Twinfield Union, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed union school district, for the purpose of forming a union school district to be named the CDT Unified Union School District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements:

- Grades. The CDT Unified Union School District shall operate and manage schools offering instruction in grades Pre-Kindergarten through grade 12.
- Board of School Directors. The CDT Board of School Directors shall have 9 members. A member town's representation on the School Board of the CDT Unified Union School District will be based on proportional representation based on the 2010 census with two members each from Cabot, Marshfield and Plainfield and three members from Danville. Each time there is a new decennial census, the proportionality of representation reflected in the specific numbers of directors allocated to each municipality shall be aligned to the new counts if necessary. At no time will a member town have less than two school directors on the District Board.
- Assumption of debts and ownership of school property. The CDT School District shall assume the indebtedness of member districts, acquire the school properties of member districts, and pay for them, all as specified in the final report.
- Final Report. The provisions of the final report proposed to the State Board of Education for approval on the 16th day of May, which is on file in the town clerk's office, shall govern the CDT Unified Union School District. Amendments to the Articles of Agreement outlined above in this voted article and Articles 13 (Provisions for Closure of a School) and Article 17 (Changing the Operating Structure of a School – Grades Offered) may only be amended at a properly warned special or annual meeting of the district. Voting shall be by Australian ballot. Results shall be reported to the public by member district and will be effective if approved by a majority of the voters of the union district voting at that meeting. All other provisions of the Articles of Agreement may be amended by a simple majority vote of the union board of school directors.
- Conditional Approval. The CDT Unified Union School District shall not be formed and the terms hereby voted shall not become effective unless one of the following additional conditions occurs:
 - The CDT Unified Union School District shall be formed and the terms hereby voted shall become effective if, the voters of the PK-12 districts of Barnet and Waterford, and/or Barnet, Waterford and Walden vote to approve the formation of the Caledonia Cooperative Unified Union School District and that district becomes operational on July 1, 2018, and both new unified union school districts become members of a new supervisory union meeting the criteria of "Side-by-Side" mergers pursuant to 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 156; or
 - The CDT Unified Union School District shall be formed and the terms hereby voted shall become effective if, under legislation enacted by the General Assembly during its 2017 Session, the Unified District would be eligible for the same tax rate reductions and other transitional assistance it would have received as one member of "Side-by-Side" merger pursuant to 2012 Acts and Resolves No. 156.

YES X

NO X