

On March 21, 2017, the Vermont State Board of Education accepted the report and Articles of Agreement to form a Unified School District which is to be called the Green Mountain Unified District. **The Articles call for a vote to be warned for May 2nd, 2017 (see below Article 10).** Andover, Baltimore, Cavendish and Chester voters will vote for/against the formation of this new school district, effectively dissolving six current school districts Andover (PreK), Chester (PreK), Chester-Andover union district, Green Mountain Union High School, Cavendish Town School District and Baltimore Town School District (PreK-12). The new district will be assigned to Two Rivers Supervisory Union. Andover, Chester and Cavendish town voters must all vote in favor of the new district for the new district to be created. **At the same time, the board members for the new board will also be elected on May 2nd, 2017.** School year 2017-2018 will continue with the separate boards but the new Green Mountain Unified District Board will spend the year preparing policies, create the budget for FY19 and work through all questions and issues for starting the new school district on July 1, 2018.

Article 10 Vote to Establish Unified District & Election of School Directors.

The proposal to form a Unified District will be presented to the voters of each town school district on May 2, 2017. The candidates for the Board of School Directors will be elected by Australian ballot on May 2, 2017, as required by law.

Pursuant to 16 VSA §706e(b), nominations for the office of Unified School Director representing any district shall be made by filing with the clerk of that school district, a statement of nomination signed by at least 30 voters in that district or one percent of the legal voters in the district, whichever is less and accepted in writing by the nominee. A statement shall be filed not less than 30 nor more than 40 days prior to the date of the vote.

Candidates will need to get their petitions very quickly to meet the 30 day advance deadline. The board is to be comprised of directors as follows:

Chester - 6 - Petitions are available at the Chester Town Office, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Petitions are due back to the Chester Town Office by 5:00 p.m. on April 3, 2017.

Cavendish – 3 (Petitions available at the Cavendish Town Office)

Andover – 1 (Petitions available at the Andover Town Office)

Baltimore - 1 (Petitions available at the Baltimore Town Office)