# Champlain Valley North Merger Committee Group 19

## IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION

November 10, 2026

Committee Members,
I have DRAFTED some thoughts to facilitate our discussions on three items on the agenda for November 18. My intent is not to limit discussion, but to provide starting points.
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### ITEM 3 - Act 170 task

At our first meeting we discussed developing an action plan, beginning with the end in mind. Another Regional Facilitator developed a set of slides for his group and has shared it. I believe it is useful in thinking about a work plan. Here is the LINK to it.

### ITEM 6 - Proportional Representation

Based on some of the discussion at our first meeting, one option to consider is:

- Keep committee membership at 5 people.
- Allow backup members, appointed by local boards, to substitute if a committee member cannot attend. Backup members would be expected to stay current with the work of the committee.
- Use Long-Term Weighted ADM to determine the weight of each member's vote.

**ACT 170 - CHAMPLAIN VALLEY NORTH**
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| LEA Name | 2 Year Average ADM | Percent | Long-Term Weighted ADM | Percent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Alburgh SD | 283 | 6% | 550 | 7% |
| Champlain Islands UUSD | 392 | 8% | 677 | 9% |
| Colchester SD | 2,331 | 50% | 3,594 | 47% |
| Milton SD | 1,465 | 31% | 2,436 | 32% |
| South Hero SD | 222 | 5% | 337 | 4% |
| | 4,693 | 100% | 7,594 | 100% |

### ITEM 7 - Merger Options Exploration

Listed below are some options to get our discussion started about how we would evaluate merger options.

1. All five school districts merge into one.
2. The island school districts merge into one.
3. Colchester and Milton merge into one.
4. Retain the current configuration.
5. Develop other options.