

WARNING

ANNUAL SCHOOL MEETING

CHESTER TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

The legal voters of the Chester Town School District are hereby warned and notified to meet at the Chester Town Hall, Second Floor, in said Town of Chester on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, between the hours of 9:00 a.m., at which time the polls will open, and 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close, to vote by Australian ballot on the following articles:

**Article I.** Shall the Chester Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, join with the town school districts of Andover and Cavendish, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, and the Baltimore Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found advisable to include in the proposed unified union school district, for the purpose of forming a unified union school district to be named the Green Mountain Unified School District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements.

- (a) **Grades.** The unified union school district will offer pre-kindergarten through grade twelve education to all students in the unified union school district.
- (b) **Board of School Directors.** A town district's representation on the unified union district board of school directors will be closely proportional to the fraction that its population bears in the aggregate population of the Unified Union School District. The initial composition of the unified union school district board of directors is based upon the 2010 Federal Census, and shall be recalculated promptly following the release of each subsequent decennial census. The Board of School Directors shall have the authority to reapportion the Board based upon each decennial census. Each forming town school district shall have at least one representative on the Board. The composition of the initial eleven (11) member Board of School Directors is as follows: Andover -- 1; Baltimore -- 1; Cavendish -- 3; Chester -- 6.
- (c) **Assumption of debts and ownership of school property.** The unified union school district shall assume the indebtedness of member districts and assume all operating deficits and/or surpluses or reserve funds of the member districts; acquire and pay for the school properties of member districts; all as specifically identified and provided for in Articles 7 and 8 in the Final Report. The complete provisions of Articles 7 and 8 regarding operating deficits and/or surplus, reserve funds, acquisition of school properties and closing of schools are set forth in the Final Report and are incorporated in their entirety by specific reference herein.
- (d) **Final Report.** The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on March 21, 2017, which is on file in the Chester Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.

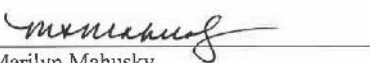
**Article II:** To elect six (6) school directors from the nominees, to serve on the school board of the proposed unified union school district board from the date of the organizational meeting for the following terms:

- Two (2) school directors for a two-year term
- Two (2) school directors for a three-year term
- Two (2) school directors for a four-year term

The legal voters of the Chester Town School District are further notified that other qualification, registration, absentee voting and procedures relative to said meeting shall be as provided in Chapters 43, 51, and 55 of Title 17, Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017 at Chester, Vermont.

  
Alison DesLauriers, Chair

  
Marilyn Mahusky

Received for record this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017 at Chester, Vermont.

  
Deborah J. Aldrich, Town Clerk