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To: Rebecca Holcombe, Secretary of Education

Krista Huling, Vermont State Board of Education Chair

From: Sonya Spaulding, Barre City School District Chair

Chad Allen, Barre Town School District Chair

Paul Malone, Spaulding Union High School District Chair

Re: Act 46, Section 9 Proposal for Barre Supervisory Union Districts

As the School Boards of the Barre Town School District, the Barre City School District, and the Spaulding Union High School District, we are formally providing our required submittal for Act 46, Section 9, prior to the December 26, 2017 deadline.

In an attempt to meet the goals of Act 46, we will form a new merger study committee between Barre Town and Barre City, with the intent of achieving determining the advisability of merging to form an operational Supervisory District from the current Barre Supervisory Union by July 1, 2019. Barre Town formally voted to enter a new 706 study on October 4, 2017 and Barre City on November 13, 2017.

We have addressed the requirements of Section 9 through our previous report approved by the Vermont State Board of Education on October 18, 2016, and plan to revisit the analysis and articles of agreement in the new study. Following the unsuccessful votes of November 2016 and January 2017, we also had an informal discussion with the Board Chair and Superintendent of the Twinfield Union School District regarding options for mergers. Twinfield has since gone into more detailed discussions with other districts in our region, so the Barre districts have made the decision to repeat the previous attempt within our own communities.

As our committee is just forming, we do not have specific timeline dates determined yet, but plan to present a new report and articles to the State Board of Education in August, 2018 or earlier and present ballots for voting by September, 2018 or earlier.

Sincerely,

Sonya Spaulding

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