

May 6, 2016

The Southwest Supervisory Union and member Districts are seeking community members who would like to participate in the Act 46 Study Committee as Community Representatives. Input from the community is an important part of the process of collaboration and possible consolidation.

The goal of the committee is to develop a plan of action for all districts involved to:

- Provide substantial **equity** in the quality and variety of educational opportunities statewide;
- Lead students to achieve or exceed **High Quality Education Standards**.
- **Maximize operational efficiencies** through increased flexibility to manage, share, and transfer resources, with a goal of increasing the district-level ratio of students to full-time equivalent staff;
- **Promote transparency and accountability**; and are delivered at a cost that parents, voters, and taxpayers value.

As a community representative, the expectations would be to:

- Commit to work as a team member toward positive progress in creating an approved plan – probably 2-4 hours/month from June 2016-July 2017.
- Represent the community needs and interests in a high quality education system for all students.
- Be prepared to learn about Act 46 and various topics that need to be collaboratively developed for success of the plan.

Each town board will be accepting applications and letters of interest for appointment at their June meeting. Please mail your application (www.svsu.org “Act 46 Committee”) to:

**James R. Culkeen, Superintendent
Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union
246 South Stream Road
Bennington, VT 05201**

Thank you for your interest in this important process!