

Why Merge School Boards?

🏠 Key Facts

WE KNOW IT WORKS – Duxbury, Fayston, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren and Waterbury are already united by Harwood Union High School. (Go, Highlanders!) Also, Waterbury and Duxbury merged many years ago.

REAL RELIEF & REAL RESULTS – A unified board for all grade levels provides the best opportunities for improving education and property tax relief.

🏠 Financial Benefits

TAX RELIEF – If each community votes YES, merging boards would allow us to take \$.10 off the tax rate in the first year of operation. Over the initial 5 years, tax rate reduction incentives, estimated to equal \$5.7 million in budget savings, would bring homestead property tax relief.

SAVINGS & STABILITY – A unified district could lower costs by sharing resources, streamlining operations and managing shifts in student enrollment. Unification is also the most responsible way to save and improve opportunities such as the arts, sports, and before and afterschool programs.

🏠 Improved Educational Opportunities

STRONGER PRE-K TO 12 EDUCATION – In a unified district, efficiencies and flexibility make classroom innovations and sharing of students realistic financial options. We will have the ability to focus on creating robust programming at all levels while being better able to reduce per pupil costs.

IMPROVEMENT & INNOVATION – A unified board will have the freedom to focus on improving academics and expanding options for children in all Harwood communities.

EXPAND SCHOOL CHOICE – A unified district allows families to enroll students at the elementary school that best meets their needs, as long as space is available.

▶ Learn More At These Public Meetings

- MAY 31** Waitsfield Elementary — 6 pm
- MAY 31** Moretown Elementary — 7 pm
- JUNE 1** Crossett Brook — 5:30 pm
- JUNE 1** Thatcher Brook — 7 pm
- JUNE 2** Fayston Elementary — 6 pm
- JUNE 6** Warren Elementary — 6 pm

VOTE JUNE 7
7am-7pm

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PLACE OR IN ADVANCE AT YOUR
TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE**