

STUDY COMMITTEE CHARGE

In accordance with Title 16 §706b, Act 46, and Acts 153/156, the Committee shall study the benefits and challenges of forming a union district comprising the towns of Belvidere Town School District, Cambridge Town School District, Eden Town School District, Hyde Park Town School District, Johnson Town School District, and Waterville Town School District.

The committee shall engage the communities with at least one public forum held in each of the participating necessary towns to hear community hopes and concerns during the study. They also will make the determination as to whether the formation of a union district is advisable and should be taken to the voters.

They will prepare a report for the State Board of Education including all elements required by Title 16 §706b and Act 46 in the formation of a union district. The report should be submitted in a timely fashion to allow for a community vote, if held, to occur on March 1, 2016. The report must be submitted to member district boards for *review and comment* prior to submission to the State Board of Education.

The Articles of Agreement required in Title 16 §706b should be written to provide maximum flexibility for the newly created Board to govern the district to best represent the community and serve educational needs of the students into the future.