

Act 46

Final Steps

Forum: Tuesday June 13th 6:00 PM Twinfield Union School

At this meeting, 706 committee members will review the final draft of the merger proposal and answer community questions.

Vote: Tuesday, June 20th 8am-7pm, Plainfield & Marshfield Town Clerks via Australian ballot

All four towns will vote on the proposed merger on this date.

If you are unable to vote on the 20th, you may request an absentee ballot from your Town Clerk's office.

In person: Visit your Town Clerk's office and ask for a ballot during their regular office hours. You can fill it out immediately, or take it home to mail in later. If mailed, it must arrive by June 20.

By phone or by email: Call or email your Town Clerk's office and ask for a ballot. It will be mailed to you. You can drop it off at the office, or mail it back. Remember to allow enough time for return mail. It must arrive by June 20th.

You can also request a ballot on behalf of another person. It will be mailed to them, and must be returned by June 20th. You may not carry someone else's ballot to them.

You must be registered to vote. If you are voting in person on June 20th, you can register to vote on that day, and then cast your ballot immediately afterwards. If you plan to vote by absentee ballot, you can register at your Town Clerk's office, or any Vermont DMV office. You will need acceptable ID. For more information on voter registration, go to the link below

<https://www.sec.state.vt.us/elections/voters/registrations.aspx>

The three school boards of Cabot, Danville and Twinfield each voted to form a committee to explore whether the three districts can come together in a way that will benefit the students and residents of all three communities, meeting the goals of Act 46. The committee has worked for over a year, gathered data, considered the options, received input from the community and has proposed a merger for the 3 school communities.

The committee's merger plan includes merging the three districts, creating one combined school board. Danville and Twinfield would maintain PK-12 programs, and Cabot would maintain a PK-8 program. All high school students in the combined district would be able to choose between Danville and Twinfield High Schools.

The full text of the merger proposal, including the articles of agreement and estimated tax rates is available here: http://washnesu.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Act-46_Final_Report1.pdf