

# Washington Central Unified Union School District

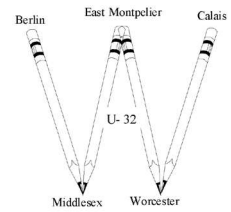
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*WCUUSD exists to nurture and inspire in all students the passion, creativity and power to contribute to their local and global communities.*

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Dear Select Boards of Berlin, Calais, East Montpelier, Middlesex and Worcester,

As we approach our respective annual meetings, the Washington Central Unified Union School Board (WCUUSD) wishes to make their annual request relative to handling of school district ballots. As you are aware, all towns are required to distribute school district ballots **in the same way** to ensure that the vote is fair and equitable. This is best accomplished when all towns mail school district ballots to their active-registered voters. The WCUUSD Board kindly requests that you add this request as an action item to your next Selectboard Meeting agenda.

*Proposed language for motion:*

*I move that the town of \_\_\_\_\_ allow the Washington Central Unified Union School District to distribute ballots for the WCUUSD Annual Meeting via U.S.P.S. mail to all active-not challenged registered voters on our town checklist*

As in past years, the WCUUSD will pay/reimburse the cost of sending the school ballots, including printing and postage. A reimbursement form will be provided to all Town Clerks in advance of the mailing for this purpose.

Since the School Board cannot vote to take this step until after receiving approval from all member towns, we request that you approve this request in advance of the December 21st School Board Meeting.

For reference, I've provided the statute for your review:

*(1) The legislative body of a town, city, or village may vote to mail a ballot to all active registered voters in the town, city, or village.*

*(2) A school board may, after receiving the approval of the legislative body of each member town in the district, vote to mail its annual meeting ballot to all active registered voters in the district. In such case, the town clerk and election officials in the member towns shall be responsible for the mailing of the ballots but all costs associated with the mailing of ballots shall be borne by the school district.*

*(3) Ballots shall be mailed not less than 20 days before the election, or as soon as they are available.*

The board appreciates your assistance in ensuring that all voters have the same opportunity to vote on the School District's officers and budget. I am happy to respond to any questions you may have regarding this request.

Respectfully,

Flor Diaz Smith, Chair