

Dear Washington Central Community Members, Town Managers, Clerks and Selectboards,

We invite you to join us for a Community Meeting to learn more about the Career Center Bond Vote and Act 73.

We will begin with a brief Q&A about the upcoming bond vote for the Career Center. Superintendent Jody Emerson will be with us to answer questions about this important decision, which will shape opportunities for students and the future workforce of Central Vermont.

Following that, we will move into a discussion about Act 73. The Vermont Legislature, through Act 73 of 2025, has created the School District Redistricting Task Force to recommend new school district boundaries and configurations to the General Assembly. As part of this important work, the Task Force is seeking local input to better understand community perspectives, priorities, and concerns.

We invite you to share your thoughts, and discuss how potential changes might affect our schools and students. Your participation will help ensure that our district's voice is heard.

Date & Time: October 8th at 6:15 pm

Location: East Montpelier Elementary School

Discussion Topics:

Strengths and challenges of our current school district

Opportunities and risks of joining a larger district or collaborating with neighbors.

- Data or resources needed to support strong student outcomes
- Community priorities and concerns around potential redistricting
- Ideas for partnerships or consolidation that could expand opportunities for students

This conversation will help inform the School Board as we give input to the Task Force's recommendations. The Task Force will receive our input but it will not determine final decisions. Your insight is valuable to shaping the future of education in Vermont.

We hope to see you there and hear your perspective.

Respectfully,

Steven Dellinger Pate, Superintendent and Flor Diaz Smith, Board Chair