

Agenda: Act 73 Ward Working Group Meeting #2

Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 10:00-11:00 am

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Agenda:

- **10:00 Welcome**
- **10:05 Overview of the Legislative Apportionment process with Tom Little, chair of the Legislative Apportionment Board**
- **10:40 Discussion of At-Large vs. Single-member districts**
- **10:55 Thoughts, questions, suggestions for December meeting**
- **11:00 Close**

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The report from the Districting Task Force is that they hope to vote on which maps to move forward on at their Nov. 10 meeting, with another meeting set for Nov. 20 for fine tuning of the report due to the Legislature. If the Task Force is able to agree to map proposals to present to the legislature, we may be able to dive in to building voting wards during the month of December. We will use our early December meeting to talk in more depth about the tools John Adams is creating and how WAWG members can create proposals of voting wards within the proposed districts.

For any of you who have not followed the District Task Force, I wanted to remind you how you can see what the group is working on. First link below is to all the committee materials. The remaining links are to some of the materials presented during their meeting this week, some of which contain map proposals, and others articulate a strategy for restructuring districts and some of the principles the authors considered important for the Task Force to consider when restructuring districts. This is not an exhaustive list of ideas, rather this is what I observed them presenting earlier this week.

-Sarah

All committee materials: [Committee Materials | Agency of Administration](#)

Presentation of some restructuring principles:

https://aoa.vermont.gov/sites/aoa/files/TASK%20FORCE_Draft_10_9_%20Map%20of%20%205%20regional%20education%20services%20areas%20or%20BOCES%20-%20Holcombe.pdf

“At this point, there is no final map on which the task force is agreed. The task force is developing a number of ideas, some which are still more thought exercises than final maps. For example, today a proposal for districts that were organized around tech centers was

shared: <https://aoa.vermont.gov/sites/aoa/files/2025-10-28%20Wolk%20and%20Beck%20Redistricting-Template-CTE-Region-Modified-Map-v01.pdf>

“Previously, a ‘map’ or proposal for regional shared services was shared: https://aoa.vermont.gov/sites/aoa/files/TASK%20FORCE_Draft_10_9_%20Map%20of%20%205%20regional%20education%20services%20areas%20or%20BOCES%20-%20Holcombe.pdf

“Shared services came with this follow up ‘thought exercise’: [https://aoa.vermont.gov/sites/aoa/files/2025-10-27%202_%20Strategic%20intentional%20mergers%20to%20pair%20with%20cooperative%20services%20_%20\(002\).pdf](https://aoa.vermont.gov/sites/aoa/files/2025-10-27%202_%20Strategic%20intentional%20mergers%20to%20pair%20with%20cooperative%20services%20_%20(002).pdf)

As well as this thought exercise related to what it would take to make sure every Vermont high school student had access to a comprehensive high school within 30 minutes of their home: https://aoa.vermont.gov/sites/aoa/files/DRAFT%20_Proposal_%20A%20future%20with%20regional%20high%20schools%20%20-%20Holcombe%20and%20Badhams.pdf. and <https://aoa.vermont.gov/sites/aoa/files/Vermont%20Public%20Education%20System%20built%20around%20Regional%20Comprehensive%20High%20Schools%20-%20Jay%20Badams.pdf>. But please remember these are thought ideas designed to challenge the thinking of the task force at this point.”