

POTENTIAL ACT 46 OPTIONS FOR THETFORD

OPTION 1	MERGE WITH STRAFFORD AND FORM A SIDE BY SIDE	
	Structure	This district would operate K-6 and could have designation of 7-12 to one-three schools OR be Choice from 7-12.
	Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It could be possible to retain K-6/Designation - Potential SU oversight is "known quantity" (White River or OESU group) - Strafford is demographic and philosophical match
	Assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strafford would be willing to forego grades 7&8 and become K-6 operating - Waiver process modified - Supervisory Union is willing to partner
OPTION 2	FORM A 4-5 TOWN RED WITH 7-12 CHOICE	
	Structure	(Thetford, Strafford, Sharon, Tunbridge, Stockbridge?) K-6 operating, choice for 7-12
	Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would be its own Supervisory District - Would be able to provide teachers with nearby professional development opportunities
	Assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Strafford and Tunbridge would forego grades 7&8 - The Agency of Education would allow it to be its own Supervisory District.
OPTION 3	MERGE WITH RIVENDELL	
	Structure	Conversation has just begun, therefore Benefits and Assumptions/Questions have not been determined. The Exploratory Study is ongoing.
	Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Geographically contiguous to share resources & professional development - Potential for expanded educational opportunities
OPTION 4	FORM AN ALTERNATIVE STRUCTURE	
	Structure	Exploration of this option has just begun, but would most likely this would be a new Supervisory Union potentially consisting of Thetford, Strafford, Sharon, Tunbridge and/or Rivendell. (This structure would mean none of the districts would receive any of the tax incentives under Act 46 and Strafford would lose its Small Schools Grant)
	Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Each district would continue to operate in its current configuration - Local school board is retained - Would create a Supervisory Union with towns contiguous to us allowing for nearby professional development opportunities
	Assumptions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sharon and Strafford willing to leave current SU - Strafford willing to give up Small Schools Grant - Rivendell willing to become part of an SU - AOE allows creation of a new Supervisory Union and supports this plan
OPTION 5	MAINTAIN CURRENT STRUCTURE	
	Structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maintain current K-6 operating/Designation of TA for 7-12 structure - Do not merge with any districts - Remain in the OESU or another SU as a stand-alone District
	Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allows Thetford to continue doing what it is currently doing.
	Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Will probably not control costs, especially if student population continues to decline - May lose the ability to partner with other districts in the future - In 2018, the Secretary of Education would propose a plan for possible realignment of districts that have not already merged, in order to achieve cost control and equitable educational opportunities. This could include being reassigned to a different SU.