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February 8, 2018

Krista Huring, Chair of the Vermont State Board of Education C/O Donna Russo-Savage Vermont Agency of Education 219 North Main Street, Suite 402 Barre, VT 05641

Dear Ms. Huling:

I am writing on behalf of the Westfield School District and North Country Union Junior High School in regard to Westfield joining the NCUJHS body of the North Country Union High School District in accordance with 16 VSA § 721. Both boards have considered the issue over the past two years, recognize the value of Westfield having a voting member of the NCUJHS Board and reviewed the financial impact. All seventh and eighth grade Westfield students have historically attended NCUJHS and Westfield already has representation on the North Country Union High School District Board.

Last spring, the Westfield community voted to pursue joining NCUJHS. NCUJHS will ask member communities to admit Westfield into the Union District in March as per 16 VSA § 721 subsection (b). Westfield voters will also formally vote this March. NCUHS District requests that the State Board of Education approve the plan to incorporate Westfield to the NCUJHS for the 2019-20 school year. It is my understanding that Donna Russo-Savage has arranged for our request to be on the agenda for February 21. I will be in attendance and provide specific information regarding the review and rationale behind the request.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if there is any additional information or actions of the Westfield or NCUJHS Boards required to advance this process. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

John A. Castle

Superintendent of Schools

Cc: Richard Cartee, NCUJHS Board Chair

Kevin Amyot, Westfield Board Chair