

# SAMPLE BALLOT

## OFFICIAL BALLOT WELLS TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT MARCH 7, 2017

### INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●

### ARTICLE

**Article I.** Shall the Wells Town School District, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, join with the school district of Middletown Springs, which the State Board of Education has found necessary to include in the proposed unified union school district, for the purpose of forming a unified union school district to be named the Wells Springs Unified Union School District, as provided in Title 16, Vermont Statutes Annotated, upon the following conditions and agreements.

If both necessary districts vote to approve the merger, the Wells Springs Unified Union School District will commence full educational operations and services on July 1, 2018 under the provisions of 16 VSA Chapter 11; provided however, that the votes approving creation of the Unified Union School District shall not become effective unless and until the voters of the Poutney, Proctor and West Rutland School Districts vote to approve formation of the Quarry Valley Unified Union District, thereby enabling the two unified union school districts to form a "Side-by-Side" structure within the same supervisory union.

(a) **Grades.** The Unified Union School District will offer pre-kindergarten through grade six education to all students in the Unified Union School District and tuition students in grades 7-12

(b) **Board of School Directors.** A town district's representation on the Unified Union School District School Board will be determined as an at-large hybrid model. Membership on the School Board is apportioned to each town. Apportionment does not have to be proportional to a town's population. Voters in both member towns vote on the same slate of candidates. The ballot for school directors is categorized to represent each town's apportioned seats on the Union School District School Board. At no time will a town/village corresponding to a pre-existing member school district have less than one board member with a total weighted vote of one on the board of school directors. The at-large hybrid model that determines the board membership will remain in place for the first three years of the new Unified Union. At any time after this the Unified Union School Board shall evaluate and consider the advisability of implementing a town-by-town proportional model.

(c) **Assumption of debts and ownership of school property.** The Unified Union School District shall assume the indebtedness of member districts and assume all operating deficits and/or surpluses or reserve funds of the member districts; acquire and pay for the school properties of member districts; all as specifically identified and provided for in Articles 4, 7 and 8 in the Final Report. The complete provisions of Articles 7 and 8 regarding operating deficits and/or surpluses, reserve funds, acquisition of school properties are set forth in the Final Report and are incorporated in their entirety by reference herein.

(d) **School Closing.** After July 1, 2018, no school facility shall be closed without a unanimous vote of the Unified Union School Board and an affirmative vote of the community in which the school is located.

(e) **Final Report.** The provisions of the Final Report approved by the State Board of Education on January 17, 2017, which is on file in the Middletown Springs Town Clerk's office, shall govern the unified union school district.

YES   
NO

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- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

**Article II.** To elect seven (7) school directors from the nominees, to serve on the school board of the proposed unified union school district board from the date of the organizational meeting for the following terms:

<p><b>SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE TOWN OF WELLS</b></p> <p>(1 Yr. Term) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>SHANE REED</b> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>_____ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE TOWN OF WELLS OR IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS</b></p> <p>(1 Yr. Term) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>SUE BURKE</b> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>_____ (Wells)</p> <p><b>MEREDITH MORGAN</b> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>_____ (Middletown Springs)</p> <p>_____ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS</b></p> <p>(1 Yr. Term) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>MEREDITH MORGAN</b> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>_____ (Write-in)</p>
<p><b>SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE TOWN OF WELLS</b></p> <p>(2 Yr. Term) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>COURTNEY BISHOP</b> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>_____ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS</b></p> <p>(2 Yr. Term) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>SARAH HALEY</b> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>_____ (Write-in)</p>	
<p><b>SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE TOWN OF WELLS</b></p> <p>(3 Yr. Term) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>LAURA BURCH</b> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>_____ (Write-in)</p>	<p><b>SCHOOL DIRECTOR WHO RESIDES IN THE TOWN OF MIDDLETOWN SPRINGS</b></p> <p>(3 Yr. Term) <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p><b>CLARENCE HAYNES</b> <input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/></p> <p>Vote for not more than ONE</p> <p>_____ (Write-in)</p>	

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OFFICIAL BALLOT  
ANNUAL TOWN OF WELLS AND SCHOOL  
DISTRICT MEETING BALLOT  
WELLS, VERMONT  
MARCH 7, 2017

## INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

To vote YES or NO on any article, fill in the oval on the right side of your choice.

### SCHOOL ARTICLE

**SCHOOL ARTICLE 7:** Shall the voters of the Wells Town School District approve the school board to expend \$2,219,517.23, which is the amount the school board has determined to be necessary for the ensuing fiscal year?

It is estimated that this proposed budget, if approved, will result in total education spending of \$12,904.30 per equalized pupil. This projected total spending per equalized pupil is 1.7% higher than spending for the current year.

YES   
NO

### TOWN ARTICLES

**ARTICLE 3:** Shall the town vote a sum not to exceed \$869,050.00 to be used to defray the general expenses of the town and for maintaining highways?

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE 4:** Shall the town vote to appropriate \$15,000.00 to the Wells Volunteer Fire Department Inc. for the continuing payment on the KME pumper truck?

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE 5:** Shall the town vote to appropriate \$15,000.00 to the Wells Volunteer Fire Department Inc. to help defray operating and insurance expenses?  
(By Petition)

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE 6:** Shall the town vote to appropriate \$12,000.00 to the Lake St. Catherine Association?

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE 7:** Shall the town vote to appropriate \$10,000.00 to the Lake St. Catherine Conservation Fund, Inc.?

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE 8:** Shall the town vote to appropriate \$10,000.00 as a grant to the Lake St. Catherine Conservation Fund, Inc. for the purpose of implementing a one-year pilot program to study the effectiveness and feasibility of an aquatic nuisance plant harvesting program on Little Lake during either the summer of 2017 or 2018?  
(By Petition)

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE 9:** Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$8,000.00 to the Granville Rescue Squad for their services to the Town of Wells?

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE 10:** Shall the town vote to appropriate \$2,303.00 to the Rutland Area VNA & Hospice?

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE 11:** Shall the town vote to appropriate \$2,000.00 to Our Neighbors Table?

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE 12:** Shall the town vote to appropriate \$1,030.00 to the Rutland Mental Health Services Inc.?

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE 13:** Shall the town vote to appropriate \$1,000.00 to the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?

YES   
NO

**ARTICLE 14:** Shall the town vote to appropriate \$500.00 to the VT Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired?

YES   
NO

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TOWN ARTICLES CONTINUED	
<b>ARTICLE 15:</b> Shall the town vote to appropriate \$500.00 to the Poulitney-Mettowee Natural Resources Conservation District?  YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	<b>ARTICLE 20:</b> Shall the town vote to appropriate \$200.00 to Neighbor Works of Western Vermont?  YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
<b>ARTICLE 16:</b> Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$475.00 to BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?  YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	<b>ARTICLE 21:</b> Shall the town vote to appropriate \$160.00 to the Vermont Center for Independent Living?  YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
<b>ARTICLE 17:</b> Shall the town vote to appropriate \$400.00 to the Vermont Adult Learning Center?  YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	<b>ARTICLE 22:</b> Shall the town vote to appropriate \$150.00 to the Rutland County Humane Society?  YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
<b>ARTICLE 18:</b> Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$300.00 to Rutland County Parent Child Center?  YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	<b>ARTICLE 23:</b> Shall the town vote to appropriate \$150.00 to the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter, Inc.?  YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
<b>ARTICLE 19:</b> Shall the town vote to appropriate \$200.00 to Vermont Cares?  YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>	<b>ARTICLE 24:</b> Shall the town vote to appropriate \$100.00 to Green Up Vermont?  YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
	<b>ARTICLE 25:</b> Shall the Town vote to appropriate \$100.00 to Vermont Rural Fire Protection Task Force?  YES <input type="radio"/> NO <input type="radio"/>
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To vote for a candidate whose name does not appear on the ballot, write that candidate's name on a "write-in" line provided and fill in the oval in the box to the right of your "write-in" entry.

#### TOWN MODERATOR

(1 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE

RONALD BREMER

(Write-in)

#### SELECT BOARD

(3 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE

RONALD BREMER

TIMOTHY MAKEPEACE

(Write-in)

#### LISTER

(3 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE

WINIFRED WITHERBEE

(Write-in)

#### LIBRARY TRUSTEE

(5 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE

MICHELLE BATES

LISA MATTISON

(Write-in)

#### LIBRARY TRUSTEE

(4 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE

BECKY COREY

(Write-in)

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

(3 Yr Term) Vote for not more than TWO

WILLIAM CHMIELEWSKI

CAROLE DUQUETTE

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

#### GRAND JUROR

(1 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE

BRIAN R. LYFORD

(Write-in)

#### TOWN AGENT

(1 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE

DONNA M. LAMB

(Write-in)

#### SCHOOL MODERATOR

(1 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE

RONALD BREMER

(Write-in)

#### SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

(1 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE

NORA REED SARGENT

(Write-in)

#### SCHOOL DIRECTOR

(3 Yr Term) Vote for not more than ONE

COURTNEY BISHOP

(Write-in)