



TO: Task Force on the Implementation of the Pupil Weighting Factors Report

FROM: Sue Ceglowski, Executive Director, Vermont School Boards Association

RE: Excess Spending Threshold and Transition Mechanisms

DATE: November 10, 2021

During the meeting of this Task Force on August 27, 2021, a co-chair of the Task Force asked for VSBA's position on the continuation of the Excess Spending Threshold if the Pupil Weighting Factors Report is implemented.

At its September 8 meeting, the VSBA Board considered the question posed by the Task Force. The Board voted unanimously to recommend:

- (1) suspension of the Excess Spending Threshold during the implementation of the Pupil Weighting Factors Report and
- (2) comprehensive review and analysis of the Excess Spending Threshold before determining whether to reinstate it.

As discussed previously by this Task Force, [Act 59 of 2021](#) includes a moratorium on the Excess Spending Threshold for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

On the topic of transition mechanisms, the VSBA's delegate assembly held the annual business meeting of the association on November 4. At the meeting the voting delegates adopted the following resolution:

*The Vermont School Boards Association fully supports the findings as presented in the Pupil Weighting Factors Report dated December 24, 2019. And furthermore, the Vermont School Boards Association requests the Vermont Legislature to thoughtfully and expeditiously establish an implementation plan for the Report's recommendations.*

This resolution is consistent with the previous position of the association which was developed by the Vermont School Boards Association Board. I am informing you of the resolution because (a) it is the current position of the association on the topic of the Pupil Weighting Factors Report

and (b) as a resolution, it is a position of the association that has been through a rigorous process of submission, committee review, board review and approval by the membership.

We look forward to learning more about the specific transition mechanisms under consideration for implementation of the Pupil Weighting Factors Report. We ask that you examine all transition mechanism options for implementing the Report through the lens of the resolution, specifically:

- (a) Is the implementation plan thoughtful?
- (b) Is the implementation plan expeditious?

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with the Task Force today.