

Twinfield Union School
Act 46 FAQ's
December 2018

Q: What is the status of Act 46?

A: With the issuance of the Statewide Plan by the State Board of Education (SBE) on November 30, the three-year Act 46 journey has reached its endpoint.

Q: Is Twinfield being forced to merge with another school district?

A: No. The SBE did not determine it was in the best interest of TUS to be merged with another District.

Q: Okay, so what DID the SBE decide about TUS?

A: The SBE decided to reassign TUS (and Cabot School) to the Caledonia Central Supervisory Union as an independent PK-12 District. This decision goes into effect July 1, 2019, and effectively closes the Washington Northeast Supervisory Union.

Q: What is the practical impact of reassignment to a different Supervisory Union?

A: The only real impact is that TUS will report to a different Superintendent.

Q: Will Twinfield Union School be closed?

A: No. There is nothing in this reassignment that affects how the school will operate. Twinfield will continue to operate as an independent PK-12 school. Decisions about the operation of the school – which grades it operates – remain the responsibility of the Twinfield Union School Board and the voters of Plainfield and Marshfield. No one else has the authority to change the operational structure of TUS.

Q: What about the Act 46 lawsuit I keep reading about in the newspaper? Is TUS part of that lawsuit?

A: The short answer is no. The Act 46 lawsuit, if it is filed, is intended to address forced school district mergers (e.g., Barre, Washington Central, and many others around the State). Since TUS was not forced to merge with another district, the Twinfield School Board has already determined that it was not harmed by Act 46, and we have no need to seek relief in the courts. In fact, the reassignment of Twinfield (and Cabot) to a new Supervisory Union was done under longstanding authority that the SBE has to redraw Supervisory Union boundaries – in other words, it was not an Act 46 decision, per se.