

Merger Re-vote Clarification

The October 9th “straw-pole” advisory vote **cannot** be re-voted on. If the advisory referendum is defeated by either district, the process is over.

A revote can only happen with a “yes” vote from both communities in October, and a “no” vote from only one community in December.

Althea Johnson, at the New York State Education Department, sent the following message today clarifying the re-voting process for a merger vote.

The new central district becomes operational only after the centralization order is approved by the qualified voters in each school district included in the centralization. If each district approves the order by a majority vote, the new district will begin operation on July 1, following the vote. If approval of the order is defeated in any district included in the proposed centralization, the new district is not created, and the question may not be voted upon again for one year.

If the order is presented a second time, and is approved, the new district begins operation. If the order is defeated a second time — or if it is not brought to referendum within two years of the initial referendum — then the original order becomes null and void.

There is no re-vote on the (straw vote) advisory. If the advisory referendum is defeated by one district the process is over.