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## North Bennington Prudential Committee Governance and Sustainability Initiative

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**Motion:** The North Bennington Prudential Committee reauthorizes the work of Governance and Sustainability to explore governance structures which promote academic success for all the children of the North Bennington Graded School District while ensuring the long term sustainability of the institution.

**Charge:** The North Bennington Prudential Committee recognizes the integral relationship that exists between our efforts to promote academic success for all our children and the governance structure which provides the framework in which the services needed to promote success are delivered. Moreover, the North Bennington Prudential Committee recognizes that the long term sustainability of our school is directly linked to the structures which govern our school. In an effort to enhance our service to the children of North Bennington at all levels of their educational experience and to insure the long term sustainability of North Bennington Graded School, we hereby reauthorize the Governance and Sustainability initiative under the follow charge:

- Explore all governance options available to the North Bennington Graded School District as it continues to operate as a public school. These options are, in part, defined in the newly authorized Act 153 and will include the exploration of including the North Bennington Graded School District in Regional Education Districts as defined in Act 153. This exploration may include an examination of numerous options with the Southwest Vermont Supervisory Union, as well as options with neighboring districts and supervisory unions including but not limited to the Bennington Rutland and Battenkill Valley Supervisory Unions.
- Explore a governance option for the North Bennington Graded School District which transforms the public school into an independent Town Academy according to a process as prescribed by Vermont Education Law. The Prudential Committee of the North Bennington Graded School District will begin this investigation to explore whether the creation of a Town Academy model might emerge as the most viable alternative to ensuring the long term sustainability of the North Bennington Graded School.

**Process:** It is the intent of the Prudential Committee to develop a transparent and inclusionary process involving all major stakeholders of our community thereby ensuring the results of this investigatory process are reflective of the wishes of our community and the needs of our children. The findings of this research will be reported at our regular Prudential Committee Meetings. These report will include academic structures and configurations, cost analysis, and actions needed for implementation.