

# Withdrawal Referendum Timeline

## November 7, 2023 Ballot

The withdrawal statute allows the Commissioner to take up to 60 days to review a withdrawal plan for conditional approval – while the Commissioner’s office will do their best to review these plans in a timely manner, this does not indicate we can turn this around immediately, especially if revisions are necessary.

Please consider submitting a draft version(s) to the Commissioner prior to the request for conditional approval so that concerns may be addressed prior to the official submission. This will expedite the conditional approval process once the agreement has been signed by both parties.

### **Deadline for Withdrawal Plan submission to Commissioner for *Conditional* Approval**

(Commissioner has 60 days by law from submission date to approve or request changes – this date *significantly* reduces that timeline for approval to 30 days)

**Friday, June 30, 2023**

**(Withdrawal Agreement must be Signed by Both the Withdrawal Committee and the RSU Board)**

### **Deadline for Commissioner to Provide Conditional Approval of Withdrawal Agreement to SAU and Town with Date for First Public Hearing**

**Saturday, July 22, 2023**

**(Minimum of 20 days prior to first public hearing date – assumes first public hearing date of August 13, 2022 at the latest)**

### **Public Posting of First Public Hearing Date, Location & Time for SAU and all Member Municipalities to discuss Merits of the proposed Withdrawal Agreement**

**Tuesday, August 1, 2023**

**(Minimum of 10 days prior to first public hearing date – assumes first public hearing date of August 13, 2022 at the latest)**

### **Absolute Latest Date for First Public Hearing of SAU and Member Municipalities to discuss the merits of the proposed Withdrawal Agreement and recommend changes**

**Friday, August 11, 2023**

**(Statute allows 30 days to report results of First Public Hearing to Commissioner)**

### **SAU and/or Withdrawal Committee Submit Results of First Public Hearing and Final Agreement to Commissioner for Approval or Possible Changes**

**Saturday, September 9, 2023**

**(At least 2 weeks prior to Deadline for Commissioner to provide Date of Referendum by deadline)**

### **Absolute Deadline to Provide Date of Referendum for Withdrawal Agreement to SAU and Town/City Clerk if no changes result from Public Hearing**

**Saturday, September 23, 2023**

**(Statutory Minimum of 45 days prior to referendum in order to be on absentee ballot)**

### **Final Public Hearing Date to Discuss the Withdrawal Question on the Ballot**

**Saturday, October 28, 2023**

**(At least 10 days prior to Date of Referendum Vote)**

### **Withdrawal Referendum Date**

**November 7, 2023**

**(Check local Municipal requirements for Referendum Vote)**