

An Alternative Governance Structure (AGS) is an option that a school district can use to meet the goals of Act 46. For the state to approve an AGS plan, a school district must show that it can meet the goals of: financial sustainability, quality, opportunity, equity and transparency. A school can also qualify for an AGS if it is geographically isolated. AGS plans are NOT eligible for any incentive monies.

Royalton is not considered to be geographically isolated, and in addition the Secretary of Education has made a written statement in which she states that *“It is difficult to imagine how any of these (Royalton, Bethel, Rochester) – on its own – will be considered a “sustainable governance structure”* Given those realities Royalton would find it challenging to be approved for an AGS structure.

Because an AGS plan does not involve a change in governance, the final decision to be an AGS and the details of the plan, are made by the School Board and does not need a vote of approval from the town.