



Dear Bradford CSD Community Members, Families and Staff,

Bradford and Campbell-Savona Merger Study Update

A feasibility study exploring whether the Bradford Central School District and Campbell-Savona Central School District should merge into a single school district is now underway.

On June 15, 2026, both Boards of Education met jointly to officially launch the study. We want our constituents to hear directly from us about what this process involves, why it is taking place, and how you can be part of the conversation.

Why Are We Conducting This Study?

Our Boards of Education believe it is important to carefully examine whether combining our districts could provide long-term educational and financial benefits for our students and communities. At this stage, **no decision has been made to merge**. This is simply a fact-finding process designed to gather information, evaluate opportunities and challenges, and engage our communities before any future decisions are considered.

Nothing changes for students or families during this study.

Our Commitment to Our Communities

Throughout this process, we are committed to several guiding principles:

- **Transparency and inclusivity** by sharing information openly and inviting community participation.
- **Student-centered decision-making** by keeping instructional opportunities and student success at the heart of every discussion.
- **Educationally sound recommendations** based on research, data, and thoughtful analysis.
- **An independent review** conducted free from outside or special interests.
- **Respect for both district cultures**, traditions, and the unique strengths that define our communities.

What Will Be Studied?

An independent consulting team from Schmitt Leadership Group will conduct a comprehensive review that includes:

- Enrollment trends and future projections
- Academic programs and course offerings
- Extracurricular and athletic opportunities
- Facilities and transportation
- Staffing and personnel



- District finances and potential tax implications
- The process and requirements involved in a possible reorganization

How Can You Participate?

Community involvement is an essential part of this study. We encourage families, staff, students, and community members to share their perspectives through a variety of opportunities, including:

- Community forums held in both districts
- Small-group focus sessions
- Individual interviews
- Regular updates through district websites, newsletters, and social media

Beginning this fall, we will host public forums and student-led building tours at both Bradford and Campbell-Savona. These events will provide information and discussion on topics such as facilities, transportation, food service, instructional programs, staffing, budgeting, and the potential tax implications of a merger. Dates and additional details will be shared as they become available.

Timeline

July–August 2026

- Data collection
- Interviews with Board members and district leadership

September–October 2026

- Community forums
- Student-led building tours

December 2026

- Joint Board meeting to review preliminary findings

January 2027

- Draft report reviewed by GST BOCES and the New York State Education Department

February 2027

- Final study presented to both Boards of Education



- Boards determine next steps, which could include asking voters to consider a merger through a public referendum

Stay Connected

We are committed to keeping our communities informed throughout every stage of this process.

You can stay informed by:

- Visiting the merger study website: www.gstboces.org/page/merger-studies
- Following updates through the study's regularly updated Frequently Asked Questions page
- Submitting questions by email to: BradCSmergerstudy@schmittleadershipgroup.com

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Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and schools. We recognize that any decision of this magnitude deserves careful analysis, thoughtful discussion, and meaningful community input. We appreciate your engagement throughout this process and look forward to sharing additional information in the months ahead.

We hope you will join us at one of our upcoming community forums.

Sincerely,

John R. Marshall

