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Dear WSWSU Families and Friends,

I am pleased to offer my third letter to you, the community members that comprise Windham Southwest Supervisory Union. It is a privilege to continue to serve as your Superintendent. It is a pleasure to know the many wonderful people that work and volunteer for our supervisory union. We have such a capable and caring team of staff, board members and community partners who demonstrate a deep and long commitment to our schools.

As we navigate these unprecedented times, our staff has shown tremendous flexibility and compassion. They have pivoted all aspects of normal schooling to accommodate the required mitigation measures as directed by the Agency of Education and the Department of Health. They have risen to this challenge and have demonstrated bravery and diligence. Their commitment and passion for the wellbeing of our students has translated into a level of safety and social-emotional stability within our schools.

While we at WSWSU are proud of our people and their accomplishments, we also know that there will be much recovery work ahead. Windham Southwest will work hard to provide every child exactly what they need to succeed. We will move steadily forward on this path with a sense of urgency. We take the responsibility of every child's learning seriously and understand that every moment counts for our children.

Our Continuous Improvement Goals are evolving to reflect how we believe we can best meet the needs we identify. We believe that they will relate to the following:

- 1. <u>Multi-tiered System of Supports (MTSS):</u> academic and social emotional learning intervention for all learners to help them reach proficiency.
- 2. <u>Rigor, Relevance and Engagement in all instructional practices and pathways.</u>

All WSWSU professionals are invested in this important work. We will reach these goals through continuous professional development at all organizational levels. We aim to foster environments where all students are prepared to learn and master proficiencies. We are committed to offering the best education for our students and help every child reach their full potential.

Lastly, and most importantly, I want to express my appreciation to the residents and taxpayers for your continued support of the students in our districts. We cannot do the important work that we have ahead of us without you. Thank you.

Sincerely, Barbara Anne