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To the Communities of WRVSU:

I want to thank all of you who have responded to the WRVSU Covid-19 surveys. The data collected is being used by our Task Force to inform best practices and plans. I also want to provide all of you with another method to ask questions that are Covid-19 related. Therefore, please visit the WRVSU website at wrvsu.org to submit a Covid-19 related question to the Superintendent of Schools. I'll be responding to the questions I receive bi-weekly throughout the summer months.

We are continuing to prepare for in person instruction per Secretary French's announcement last week. We have recently received recommendations and guidelines from the Agency of Education and Department of Health. The Covid-19 Task Force is working to review these recommendations and guidelines in order to best prepare for the fall. At this time, I want to address a few questions/rumors that we've been hearing across the WRVSU.

1) Will the schools still provide meals throughout the 20-21 school year?

Yes, we are prepared and expecting to provide nutritious meals to our students throughout 20-21.

2) Will we have in person instruction in the fall?

Yes, we are preparing for in person instruction across all of the WRVSU schools.

3) What will instructional schedules look like in the fall?

We are moving forward with plans to ensure all students are back in school daily this upcoming fall. The actual instructional schedule may change, but those changes will be based on best practices and recommendations from the WRVSU Covid-19 Task Force.

4) Will we be provided transportation services in the fall?

We are working with our contracted service provider to create procedures and plans that align to the recommendations from the Agency of Education and Vermont Department of Health. I'm hopeful that we will have transportation operations running in force throughout all of our districts in the fall.

5) Will there be regular updates throughout the summer specific to planning and preparation for the fall?

Yes, you can expect regular communication throughout the summer. We will also notify everyone by no later than August 1st if we need to adjust the WRVSU 20-21 school year calendar due to Covid-19 planning and preparation.

I'm confident that we have the systems in place to ensure a safe and effective opening in the fall. I've also attached the WRVSU Covid-19 Task Force representatives and work groups for your review.

With great enthusiasm for the work ahead,

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