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To the Communities of WRVSU:

I want to begin by thanking all of our parents/guardians, teachers/staff, administrators, and students for navigating these unprecedented times of Covid-19. I've had the opportunity to observe virtual instruction and discuss the plans that were put into place. I feel fortunate to be joining such a dedicated team of educators and parents/guardians. There is still work to be done specific to preparing for what I'm very hopeful is in person instruction in the fall. Therefore, a White River Valley Supervisory Union Task Force has been formed to provide the WRVSU administrative team with overarching recommendations/guidelines for all three possible scenarios in the fall (in person instruction, hybrid model of instruction, and remote/virtual learning). The Task Force has representatives from all eight schools of the WRVSU. In addition, we have sought guidance from several community members that have medical and social/emotional expertise. The guidelines and procedures developed by the WRVSU Covid-19 Task Force will then inform the work that needs to be completed in August to ensure a safe return to school for both faculty/staff and students.

It is important that we ensure all voices are heard throughout our ten communities. Therefore, we will be sending faculty/staff, students (grades 8-12), and parent/guardians surveys out the first of next week in order to gather feedback as we move forward with planning/preparation. I strongly encourage you to take the time to complete the surveys because they will inform the work ahead.

I'm also pleased to announce that we will be providing modified in person summer programming, along with summer meals throughout the conclusion of One Planet summer programming. Therefore, you should have already received notification of registration. If not, that information will be coming out shortly.

Finally, I want to thank you all for supporting our schools. Your support and involvement are critical in our ability to move forward with the vision of creating Schools of Excellence. We have the opportunity to create an educational system throughout the towns of the WRVSU that ensures we are a destination for young families. To this end, I will work tirelessly with the boards, administration, faculty/staff, students and greater WRVSU community to ensure we meet that goal. We are in unprecedented times, but with hard work and commitment to strong outcomes for students, we can move ahead to become schools of excellence.

I will continue to be in contact with regular updates specific to Covid-19 planning/preparation.

With great appreciation and optimism,

Jamie Kinnarney  
Incoming Superintendent of Schools, WRVSU

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