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Dear WSWSU Community,

I hope that this letter finds you and yours well. I also wish that amidst the new normal of life, you are experiencing some quality summertime moments with your family and friends. We have a draft of our reopening plan to share with you today, see below. We also have a survey that we kindly request that you fill out. Your input will inform our planning.

[DRAFT FAMILY HANDBOOK ADDENDUM LINK](#)

[SURVEY LINK](#)

As you are likely aware, Secretary French and Governor Scott have directed that all schools reopen in the fall. To this end, the Vermont Agency of Education (VT AOE) collaborated with the Vermont Department of Health (VT DOH) to create [COVID-19 Guidance for Vermont Schools](#). The WSWSU Task Force has thoroughly studied the directives and received input from staff. From this we wrote a first draft of what this means for our schools and reopening. Since we wanted the information to be easily understood, we wrote it in the format of a handbook and it will become an addendum to our regular Family Handbook. What is linked above is Part 1: Safe and Healthy School Environment. We await guidance from the VT AOE on additional topics.

Our goal is to give all stakeholders ample opportunity to add input throughout the creation of this document. We began with getting input from the teachers, staff and Superboard on July 14th. The first round of editing to our Family Handbook Addendum has begun based on the input we have gathered. Now, the current iteration is being shared with all families and community members. Next, we will invite community members at large to attend school level meetings with local administrators. Please understand that as direction from the state evolves, so will this document.

We welcome your engagement with the reopening of our schools. Thank you in advance for getting involved with our process. We believe that together we can create a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff in our WSWSU community.

Be well and take good care of yourself.

Best regards,
Barbara Anne