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Dear Fellow Members of the VSBPE,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying the refreshingly crisp days between fall foliage and falling snow. Having just finished our first round of parent-teacher conferences, I am reflecting upon the importance of supportive families in the lives of our students and upon the difficult challenges faced by students who do not have adequate support at home.

I look forward to meeting with all of you at our next meeting, Thursday, October 26, 2017, at the Agency of Education in Barre. We will begin at 9:00 a.m.

At our September meeting, we were pleased to welcome our newest members—Cynthia Cole of Chittenden South, David St. Germain of the College of St. Joseph, and David Younce of Mill River Unified. The public member's position remains vacant.

As you can see on the agenda, we have no waiver requests for this month's meeting. This will allow time for the substantive discussions we need to have about UVM's SLP program and other policy matters. We will spend some time reviewing our strategic plan and clarifying future agenda items. As always, we will rely on the expertise of AOE staff to guide us through the various changes in policy and rules.

Speaking of AOE staff, during our September meeting I was remiss in not acknowledging the phenomenal work of Deb Giles in planning and facilitating the summer workshops for members of Local and Regional Standards Boards. I attended one of the workshops and was more than impressed by the number of questions Deb can answer in a single day! Thanks for your commitment to this process, Deb.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Don Tinney".

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