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Dear Fellow Members of the VSBPE,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying the anticipation of spring, if not spring itself.

I look forward to meeting with all of you at our next meeting, Tuesday, May 8th, at the Agency of Education in Barre. We will begin at 9:00 a.m.

At our March meeting, we were pleased to welcome our newest member—Wendy Hillmuth, representing the public at large. Now that we have finally reached full membership on the board, the time has come to consider filling upcoming vacancies. This is a gentle reminder to those who will be up for re-appointment this summer to re-apply on the Governor's website: <http://governor.vermont.gov/boards-commissions>

As you can see on the agenda, we will be relatively busy next week. The political activity in the legislature in recent weeks necessitates a discussion about an attempt to eliminate licensure for CTE teachers in Vermont. At the time of our meeting, I plan to have an update on the amendment to the "miscellaneous education" bill that has gone through several revisions.

Speaking of politics, I will be in Washington, D.C. this week, meeting with the NEA Board of Directors and lobbying on Capitol Hill on legislation related to the prevention of gun violence, promoting child nutrition, and preventing the use of vouchers for military-related students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Don Tinney".

Donald Tinney  
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