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Dear Vermonters,

The time is finally here where the Green Mountains are once again green, the weather is warm and we are celebrating our next group of graduates. As we look back on the past school year, I invite you to join me in reflecting on the successes of Vermont's education system.

Like anyone and any sector, we have things we can do better. And in our true New England crusty way, we tend to nod at what works and persevere on where we think we fall short. But at the end of the day, we have much to celebrate and much on which we can build a strong and vibrant future for our children, our schools and our communities. As we work to improve, we will build on what we do well.

In our small state, agencies and departments work together to ensure our children are supported, from farm to school programs with the Agency of Agriculture, to ensuring safe and healthy school climates with the Department of Health, to work force readiness with the Department of Labor and the Agency of Commerce and Community Development.

During the next several weeks, the Agency of Education will share a few examples of what makes our schools great on our social media channels. I encourage you to follow along and share your own thoughts and findings using the hashtag #WeAreVTED and see just how much we have accomplished.

Throughout this campaign, you'll see examples of brilliant learning, school-based chicken coops, star student athletes, state laws that put the equity and safety of every child front and center, and more.

Our professional collaboration, our strong commitment to supportive and equitable education, our willingness to rethink practices to do better for our children; these and many others are reasons Vermont is a place we should all be proud to live. Thank you for all you do to make it this way.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebecca Holcombe".

Rebecca Holcombe, Ed.D.
Secretary of Education

