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AOE Listen and Learn Update

Dear Superintendents and Heads of School:

Thank you for your recent contributions to the AOE Listen and Learn Regional Convenings. We are working to compile feedback to summarize themes and key takeaways from each event, which we hope to share with you soon. While that work is underway, we are currently in the next phase of the 2024 Listen and Learn Tour, inviting educators and the broader public to participate in discussions about Vermont's education goals and to support development of the Agency's strategic priorities. Based on feedback received from previous public engagement events in this phase, we have scheduled additional dates (listed below) and are in the process of scheduling student focus groups.

Public engagement will have two components: educator sessions, which are closed to the general public, and sessions for the general public. The Agency encourages broad participation and welcomes input from all Vermonters, including students, families, and community partners - students are integral to these conversations and are encouraged to attend.

Please see below for information that can be shared with your school communities (for educator-only session information) and your communities at large. Kindly please refrain from distributing the registration link and educator session information to the general public.

Educator Public Engagement - Closed to Public

Each educator session will take place from **4:00pm to 5:30pm** at the below locations (with the exception of the South Burlington and Independent School sessions). Educator sessions are for educators and other school or district staff only and are closed to the public. Registration is required. Educators may register for any of the scheduled sessions, regardless of location or host school. Please contact Courtney O'Brien (courtney.obrien@vermont.gov) with questions.

The tentative meeting agenda will include a welcome and introduction, and a facilitated discussion and short workshop on the topic of Educator Supports. Each educator session will run from **4:00 pm-5:30 pm** and will adjourn promptly at 5:30pm (exceptions noted below). Educators are invited to stay for the public engagement sessions running at each site later in the evening. Educators should register using this [Listen and Learn Tour – Educator Session Registration form](#).



Educator Engagement Schedule

DATE	LOCATION
Dec 3 3:30-5:00pm	South Burlington SD District Office, 577 Dorset Street, South Burlington
Dec 3 4:00-5:30pm	Brattleboro Union High School 131 Fairground Rd, Brattleboro, VT
Dec 4 4:00-5:30pm	Champlain Valley Union High School, 369 Cvu Rd, Hinesburg, VT
Dec 10 4:00-5:30pm	Virtual, all educators (links forthcoming)
Dec 12 5:00-6:30pm	Virtual, Independent Schools Only (links forthcoming)

General Public Engagement - Please share broadly with your school communities

Each public engagement session will take place after the educator sessions from **6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. Every session will begin with introductory information and data to support more in-depth conversations, followed by breakout sessions on topics related to student achievement and support, career and college readiness, and school budgets, among other emerging priorities.

Please note, every public engagement session will have the same agenda. Members of the public and/or educators are welcome to attend more than one session, however, the information covered will not change.

Please check [the Listen and Learn webpage](#) to see the most up to date public engagement schedules, links for virtual sessions and information on language accessibility. While not required, pre-registration is encouraged using the online registration form, [Listen and Learn Registration \(cognitofrms.com\)](#). Please email aoe.publicinformation@vermont.gov with questions.

Public Engagement Schedule

DATE	LOCATION
Dec 3	King Street Center, 87 King St., Burlington, VT
Dec 3	Brattleboro Union High School 131 Fairground Rd, Brattleboro, VT
Dec 4	Champlain Valley Union High School, 369 CVU Rd, Hinesburg, VT
Dec 10	Virtual (links forthcoming)

Sincerely,

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