

Vermont Agency of Education Starts Public Engagement Phase of the Listen and Learn Tour

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Montpelier, Vt.- The Vermont Agency of Education announced the next phase of its 2024 Listen and Learn Tour and invites the public to participate in community conversations focused on key topics in education. These public engagement sessions will help the Agency develop its strategic plan and ensure that its work is supporting the educational priorities of communities across Vermont. Following a series of data reports and regional planning sessions with more than 250 education leaders, the Agency is eager to expand these conversations to include educators, parents, students, and community members across the state.

"Hearing from Vermonters in every corner of the state is essential for the Agency of Education to develop goals and initiatives that support Vermont in building an education system that meets the needs of every student from cradle to career." said Interim Secretary **Zoie Saunders.**"

Engagement Session Details

Each public engagement session will take place from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** 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. Detailed agendas will be provided on the Agency webpage closer to the events.

DATE	LOCATION
October 22	Woodstock Union High/Middle School
October 23	Mount Anthony Union High School
October 23	Stowe High School
October 28	Montpelier High School
October 28	West Rutland School
October 29	Lyndon Town School
October 30	Enosburg Falls High School
November 4	Virtual Meeting (ASL interpreter available)
November 6	Virtual Meeting (ASL interpreter available)

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

The Agency encourages broad participation and welcomes input from all Vermonters!

About the Vermont Agency of Education

[The Agency of Education](#) implements state and federal laws, policies, and regulations to ensure all Vermont learners have equitable access to high-quality learning opportunities. The Agency accomplishes this mission through the provision of its leadership, support, and oversight of Vermont's public education system.