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Robert Allen, President Green Mountain College One Brennan Circle Poultney, VT 05764

Dear Bob:

Although Green Mountain College (GMC) declined to renew its membership this year with the Association of Vermont Independent Colleges (AVIC), please know that we stand ready to assist GMC during this period of transition. We appreciate that this a difficult time for higher education, particular in New England, as the population of traditional collegeage students continues to decline.

AVIC and its members are available to help ensure that any transition happens in an orderly way so the students can make plans as needed. We saw the article in today's Rutland Herald about your active search for partnerships. Please let us know if we may assist in those efforts. We are also available to discuss options for handling student academic records should that become an issue.

Cordially

Susan Stitely, President, AVIC

Don Laackman, Chair, AVIC President of Champlain College

Cc: Daniel French, Secretary, Agency of Education Krista Huling, Chair, VT State Board of Education

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