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My apologies, I mistyped the address. See below

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Dear Lincoln School District Board Members, SBE Chair Samuelson, and Secretary French,

I am writing on behalf of the Mount Abraham Unified School District Board. Last night at our meeting the MAUSD Board took formal action to adopt a statement to share with you and the community. The statement below is an invitation to Lincoln School District and their community to rejoin MAUSD. On 9/28 the State Board of Education and Secretary French clearly expressed their interest in our districts finding a "local solution". We hope you will see this message as a sign of our willingness to work together to find that solution.

This communication is a statement to the MAUSD community, the Lincoln School District, the Lincoln community, the Vermont State Board of Education, and the Secretary of Education. The MAUSD School Board would like to invite the Lincoln School District and Lincoln community to rejoin the Mount Abraham Unified School District. We genuinely believe that together we are better. We share common values for our students and communities. We value community connections and a vibrant learning environment. We recognize the increasing cost of education and declining enrollment and we believe that finding a local solution between Lincoln and MAUSD is the best way forward. We recognize the importance of our small town schools and our middle/high school and acknowledge our desire to remain a school district. We see the value in collaboration whether or not the path forward is smooth or challenging. We recognize that currently we are on a challenging path and aspire to find a solution together based

on our shared values. We ask the Lincoln School District and Lincoln community to join us in declaring a willingness to work together and rejoin MAUSD.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Dawn Griswold
On behalf of the MAUSD Board

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