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Vermont Agency of Education  
Secretary Daniel M. French  
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Montpelier, VT 05620-2501

Dear VT Agency of Education and Secretary French,

My name is Kristin McCusker and I am the mother of Galen McCusker (Grade 4) and Elet McCusker (Grade 3). Both my sons attend the Rochester Elementary School in Rochester, VT. I am writing to express my opinion regarding the recent proposal to have the White River Valley Supervisory Union (WRVSU) take on Lincoln as another town in our Supervisory Union. I feel that this scenario benefits neither Lincoln nor the WRVSU for the following reasons:

The WRVSU is already one of the largest in the state encompassing ten towns and six districts. We have six elementary schools, three middle schools and one high school. Our SU currently prepares seven budgets. There is only so much one SU staff can take on until they reach a breaking point.

Lincoln is too far away! Geography matters and the inefficiency of adding a Town that is physically that far away from the other Towns in our SU can not be ignored or disputed. Educational resources, facilities, and transportation resources can not be shared when the Towns are that far apart.

The WRVSU has experienced many recent administrative staff turnovers. The WRVSU administrative staff has just starting to enjoy some level of continuity, and this should not be disrupted at this time.

Please listen to the local voices regarding this issue and reconsider this proposal. It simply does not make sense at the local level.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin F. McCusker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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