

Good Afternoon,

Thank you for your very thoughtful and intentional work to date on behalf of our students in Vermont. Additionally, thank you for a wonderful session today (re: public hearing). The public hearings are a great place to ensure all voices can have a platform for comment.

Stratton Mountain School supports the updates to Rule Series 2200. Specifically those ethnic and social equity study recommendations of the Act 1 working group to independent schools. Furthermore, Stratton Mountain School supports requiring an annual compliance attestation as a mechanism to keep independent schools free of discriminatory practices, but we oppose efforts to unilaterally apply EQS rules to independent schools.

Respectfully,  
Carson

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