



August 20, 2024

Dear Members of the Lamoille North Community,



We want to extend a warm welcome to all of you—students, families, educators, and community members. The start of a new school year always brings with it a sense of excitement and renewal, and this year is no different. Our schools, serving students from pre-kindergarten through grade 12, are ready to embark on a year filled with learning, growth, and community building.

At the heart of everything we do in the Lamoille North Supervisory Union is our unwavering commitment to equity, access, and opportunity for all our children. We believe that every student, regardless of their background, abilities, or circumstances, deserves the opportunity to succeed. This belief drives us to continually evaluate and improve our practices, ensuring that all students have the support they need to thrive both academically and personally.

Equity means recognizing and valuing the diverse needs of our students and taking steps to provide the resources and opportunities necessary for every child/youth to reach their full potential. Access means removing barriers—whether they are financial, social, or academic—that might prevent our students from fully engaging in their education. Opportunity means opening doors to new experiences, challenges, and pathways that will prepare our students for success in the future, both in their careers and in life.



This year, we will continue to prioritize inclusive practices, foster strong partnerships with families, and create safe, welcoming environments where every student and community member feels they belong. We know that when people feel supported and valued, they are more likely to embrace challenges, and achieve at high levels in their schools, work, lives.

Our dedicated educators have spent the summer preparing to meet the needs of all of our students and they are eager to get started. From innovative teaching strategies to new programs designed to support social-emotional wellbeing, we are committed to providing a high-quality education that meets the needs of every student, in consideration of both their academic and social-emotional wellbeing.

By now you will have received information from the schools. In the next few weeks, information about school Open Houses and other events will be available from your schools. In addition, my next newsletter will include a survey that will ask for your feedback about communication from schools, and ask for your thoughts on what you believe are the schools' most important strengths, opportunities, and challenges. We are committed to working with all of you to ensure a successful experience for you and our students.



On a completely different note, our schools are receiving questions about property tax bills. We encourage you to reach out to the Tax Commissioner, Craig Bolio's office, at (802) 828-2505, or [tax.vermont.gov/property](http://tax.vermont.gov/property).

Lastly, as we move forward into this school year, I encourage you to stay engaged, ask questions, and share your ideas. It is through our collective efforts that we can create a school community where all students have the opportunity to succeed.



Thank you for your continued support and partnership. I look forward to seeing the incredible achievements our students will accomplish this year.

With gratitude and best wishes,

Catherine Gallagher, M.Ed.  
Superintendent of Schools  
Lamoille North Supervisory Union