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Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff,

It is my hope that you are taking advantage of our beautiful Vermont winter weather. It almost feels like the end of the season when temperatures rise a little, but I am sure we will have more typical Vermont winter weather before too long! Needless to say, we are beginning the New Year with revitalization and rejuvenation. It was evident, this last week, that our entire school community was ready and excited to be back in school. I want to express my deep gratitude to our staff, students and families for the sacrifices that were made over the holidays to keep our families and friends healthy and well, which, in turn, allows us to keep our schools open for in-person instruction. It is more important than ever that we keep up our vigilance as we see cases in our state rising. The safety practices we have adopted will continue to keep our communities safe as long as we practice them consistently.

On another serious note, I want to call attention to the disturbing events that occurred this week in Washington, D.C. We are deeply concerned for how our school communities are experiencing this as well. As educators, we must not only process this for ourselves, but we also must be there to support our students and families. Our students may look to us all for safety, reassurance and explanation, and we will be there to listen and support them. In our communities and beyond, we strive to be able to disagree without disrespecting, dismissing or harming others and to engage in civil discourse.

I reiterate that our highest priority is the safety and wellbeing of our students, families, and staff. We are committed to preparing our students to be civically engaged, resilient, productive and compassionate. We can accomplish anything if we do it together. Our commitment to educating our students and providing them with the social-emotional support they need has never been stronger. Please let us know how we can support you, and please reach out if you have any thoughts to share.

My very best to you,

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