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Dear W.R.S. families,

The Hartford School District will join other supervisory unions/school districts this year in Integrated Field Reviews (IFRs). The purpose of these IFRs is to exchange information with neighboring school districts/supervisory unions and provide recommendations and commendations on specific data points on the implementation of Vermont's Five Education Quality Standards (EQS)

1. Academic Proficiency
2. Personalized Learning
3. Safe and Healthy schools
4. High Quality Staffing
5. Financial Efficiencies

You can learn more about the EQS and IFRs here: <http://education.vermont.gov/vermont-schools/education-quality/education-quality-reviews>

Representatives from the VT Agency of Education along with educators from neighboring schools will visit W.R.S on February 8th. These visitors will meet with students, staff and parents to collect data about our school. It is important to announce that the information obtained will be compiled for a general report for the Hartford School District. Unfortunately we will not get a specific report for the White River School. Also, any information shared during these interviews are not personally identifiable, it's all confidential. Please contact me if you have any questions about this process.

### **Newly Adopted Transferable Skills for the Hartford Elementary Schools**

*In time you will receive more information about Transferable Skills.* I'm including information in today's newsletter as an introduction. You can learn more about what Transferable Skills are [in this link](#). In the next weeks we will add the rubrics for Transferable Skills on our school website. Our teachers spent time during our last inservice day learning about these skills and over time, they will begin to teach and assess these skills.

If you have a student in middle or high school you are probably aware that students are working to provide evidence of mastering the Transferable Skills over time. At the elementary level, the following skills are in place:

#### **Transferable Skills:**

Accessing and Analyzing Information ( grade 5)  
Agility and Adaptability (grade 3)  
Collaboration Across Networks (grade 4)  
Communication (grades k-5)  
Critical Thinking and Problem Solving (grades k-5)  
Curiosity and Imagination (grades k-1)  
Initiative (grade 2)

#### **Upcoming Events:**

February 19 - 23 : Winter Break