

# South Burlington School District

January 28, 2011

To: School Board Members  
From: John Everitt

Re: Superintendent Report – February 2, 2011  
Policy 2.9 – Communication and Support to the Board

1. Legislative Breakfasts – The next legislative breakfasts are February 7 (Chamber of Commerce – Sheraton in SB) and February 14 (City and District – City Hall). Both start at 7:30 AM.
2. Rural Utilities Services Grant – Last April, prior to the board setting the parameters for applying and accepting grants, the board approved our applying for a Rural Utilities Service Grant (RUS). This was a grant to partner with rural school districts to increase video conferencing infrastructure. We have been awarded a \$319,000 grant, about \$60,000 directly for South Burlington. As part of the project, our capacity will increase and we will make the Teen Lures material available to our partners. The new infrastructure will open additional possibilities for our schools as well as our partner schools.

On January 28, Commissioner Vilaseca visited us to watch the weekly broadcast of South Burlington Network News (SBNN). A segment of the broadcast was on Teen Lures. One other guest was from schools in Grand Isle. We spoke about ways to offer opportunities for these students to engage with SBNN.

3. Airport Planning – On Tuesday, January 25, Burlington International Airport management held a meeting to inform interested community members of the current status of the airport master plan. In general, the airport engineering firm presented data regarding the increased demands placed on the airport in all aspects (runways, terminal, parking, neighborhood homes, etc.) and the need for expansion, based on expected future needs. The FAA will pay for 95% of the costs specifically associated with airport related needs.

An agreement permitting the airport's home acquisition program was signed in February 2009 and ratified in May. The program includes the acquisition of between 10 and 20 homes annually. The airport has received federal funding to purchase homes that are within a 65 decibel noise level contour of the airport's operations. A total of 123 properties have been identified as being within this noise range. (See attached map.) Once acquired by the airport, the homes are to be demolished. Some homes have already been purchased, are currently vacant, and are soon to be demolished. Final approval of the overall plan is expected for the spring of 2011.

The airport plan update can be seen at this [link](#).

4. Preschool Partners – One of the district's preschool partners, Giggles Family Child Care, will be the site of a visit by Governor Shumlin. He will be there on Monday, January 31 to spotlight his support for early education.

**Please bring your policy manual to the board meeting.**