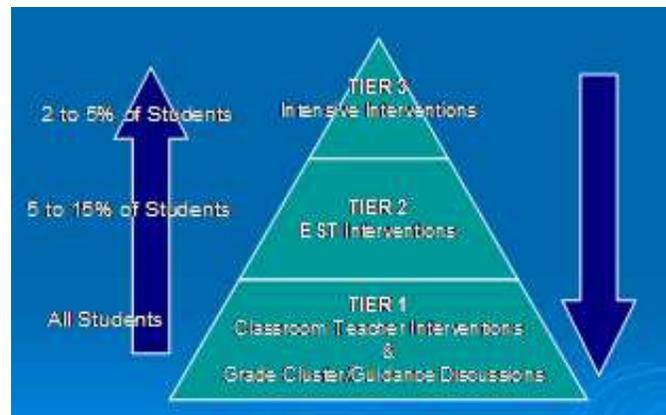


South Burlington School District
October 14, 2009

To: School Board Members
From: John Everitt

Re: Superintendent Report – October 21, 2009
Policy 2.9 – Communication and Support to the Board

1. Title 1 – Several items are included in this packet to add context and details to the request of the board to approve spending funds to support improvements aimed at helping children at higher levels, especially those needing additional support. The schoolwide plans were developed over several months as we took our time last year to focus on improvements that would focus on 21st Century skills, building systems that would improve learning for all students, support students with educational disadvantages, and avoid hiring additional staff that could not be sustained in future years. The items include:
 - a. Roots of Success – Effective Practices in Vermont Schools (report summary)
 - b. SBSD Title I Grant Decision Process (chart)
 - c. DOE Title I Program information (web site)
 - d. Title I Needs Assessment and Planning Process (JoAn Canning)
 - e. SBSD Consolidated Federal Grant 2009-10 (from last meeting)
2. Charter changes – The board packet includes information about considering a change to the city charter. Please provide me with any input you would like to add to the discussion.
3. Ends policy input – Due to some scheduling requirements, I have switched the board input on mathematics from this meeting until January 6. This meeting will have some information on personal development with the major focus on the efforts to promote inner resiliency. Some materials are included in the packet.
4. An overview of Student Support Services was presented at the Rick Marcotte Central School on October 14th. Parents who attended listened to a presentation by Joanne Godek. The information highlighted the pyramid of supports and gave families an opportunity to ask questions about how children who are struggling may receive help. The process of special education referral, assessment, and eligibility was also explained.



5. H1N1 – The district has had one successful clinic with almost 500 students vaccinated. Because of vaccine supply difficulties, the Department of Health has postponed some of the clinics. We are keeping the district web page updated with the latest information and are notifying families as clinic dates are changed. The next clinic is presently scheduled for Monday, November 2 at Orchard Elementary School. Our preschool partners will also attend this clinic.

Please bring your policy manuals to the board meeting.