

## **SAU 7**

### **August 2020 Superintendent School Board Report**

**Dr. Debra Taylor**



What a beautiful summer! In addition to transitioning to my new position as Superintendent and implementing my entry plan, I have been setting aside time for weekend recreation. My husband and I have been hiking, biking, fishing and communing with nature!

Planning for the start of the school year has been our primary work this summer. We have been analyzing the Governor's [K-12 Back-to-School Guidance](#), reviewing information from the Department of Health information on [Fall Reopening](#) and following regular updates from the Centers for Disease Control on school reopening. I am very appreciative of the efforts of our leadership team and all of the staff who have contributed to the workgroups. The school planning work is well underway and the leadership team and I look forward to reviewing with the [SAU #7 School Reopening Report and Recommendations](#) at the upcoming SAU #7 Board Meeting on August 3 at 6:00 pm at Stewartstown.

The Connecticut River Collaborative Committee will meet on August 6, at 6:00 pm via Zoom. During this meeting, the committee will further discuss the two models that are under consideration and receive reports on draft articles of agreement, educational options for secondary students, financial analysis and communications.

The [Superintendent Entry Plan](#) has been initiated. As of this date, I have met with 20 school board members individually and have occasioned town select board and service organization meetings as well. My goal is to listen and learn from all of you about students, families and our school communities. I am confident that we will develop a productive and mutually supportive relationship which will provide the foundation for the school system's future success. Thanks for your continued leadership and support during this unprecedented time.

Observing what is happening in the world around us - the coronavirus and the broader economic crisis - I ask, "What do you need from me? How can I be of service?" The answers I often receive are 'I just need some encouragement.' Let's be kind to one another as we navigate the uncertain future together.

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