



COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN RURAL VERMONT

RAISING COMMUNITIES





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TELL US ABOUT YOU!

Mentimeter Question:

1. What word comes to my mind when you think about the term public education? What's the role of public school?



WHAT ARE VERMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS?

Vermont Community Schools Act 67 (2021)



THE FIVE PILLARS OF VERMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



INTEGRATED STUDENT SUPPORTS

Addressing out-of-school barriers to learning, which may include access to medical providers or social service agencies. This pillar also includes educational practices focused on relationship-building.



EXPANDED AND ENRICHED LEARNING TIME AND OPPORTUNITIES

Before-school, after-school, weekend and summer programming, or even programming that occurs within the school day, which enhances school curricula through individualized academic support, or through hands-on learning experience.



ACTIVE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Bringing family and community members into our schools as partners in education, and developing opportunities for lifelong learning.



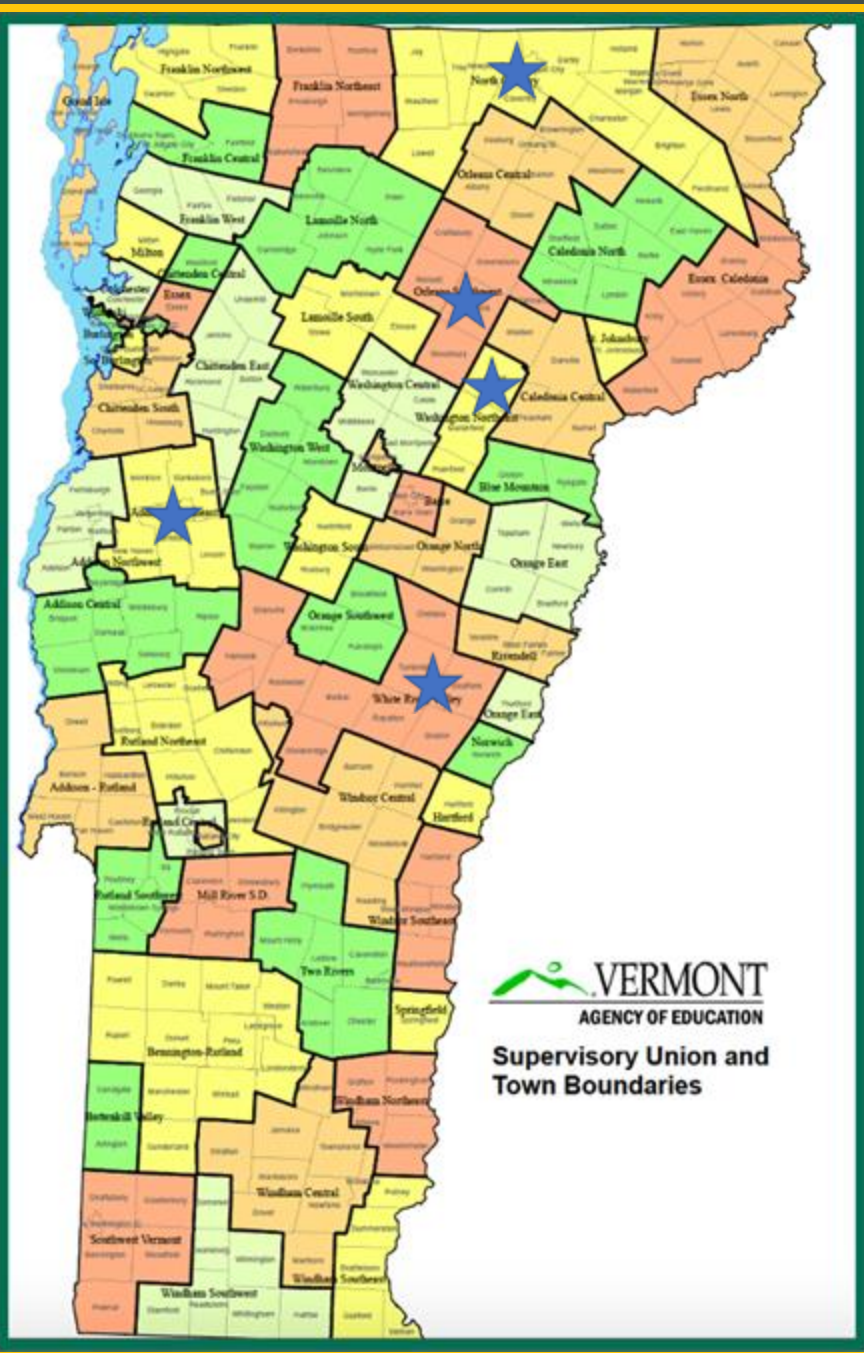
COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP AND PRACTICES

Building a culture of collective trust and shared responsibility through distributive leadership, community involvement, and youth voice.



SAFE, INCLUSIVE, AND EQUITABLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

Fostering environments where all students, families, and community members feel healthy, safe, and supported in achieving their learning goals.



Caledonia Central Supervisory Union (5-districts)
Cabot School, PK-12, (N=159)

Orleans Southwest Supervisory Union (5-districts)
Hazen Union School, Grades 7-12, (N=290)

North Country Supervisory Union (10-districts)
PK-12, 12 schools, (N=2,684)

Addison Northwest Supervisory District
Vergennes Union Elementary School, K-6 (N=295)

White River Valley Supervisory Union (5-districts)
White River Valley Middle School, 6-8, (N=132)

Across Act 67 Community Schools, we are supporting over 3,560 PK-12 students, their families, and communities.



VT Community Schools in Their Own Words





CATAMOUNT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



RESEARCH-POLICY-PRACTICE PARTNERSHIP (CCSC-RP³)

Catamount Community Schools Collaborative (CCSC)

The AOE/UVM Community Schools Research- Policy -Practice Partnership



- Supportive Infrastructure
- University-Assisted Community Schools Values
- Vermont Community School Pillars
- Why We Do This Work



LEAHY INSTITUTE FOR RURAL PARTNERSHIPS

EXTENDING COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IMPLEMENTATION IN
RURAL VERMONT



CATAMOUNT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS COLLABORATIVE (CCSC RP³)



Our primary aim is to **extend the capacity and impact of the CCSC-RP³** by supporting a **sustainable ecosystem of community schools leveraging UVM resources that align with school partner needs in collaboration with state agency partners to ensure policy and practice continuity.**

Using data from two years of community school site visits and empathy interviews with CS leaders, **extension activities supported by the Leahy Institute for Rural Partnerships Seed Grant** are aligned with explicit and pressing needs expressed by rural Community School partners and communities.

CCSC Leahy Graduate Internship Program

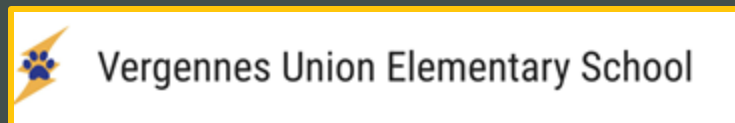
Food Insecurity / Community Connection

- UVM Grad Students developing/implementing intergenerational meals program
- Expanding early childhood care, resources to local community



Rural School Comprehensive Health

- UVM Clinical Mental Health graduate students collaborating with school counselors to support students, families, staff
- Testing of expanded service models, school based health centers telehealth,



School-Community Connection, Engagement

- Community Development & Applied Econ. grad students support/facilitate partnerships with Civic Standard and the Town of Hardwick to promote greater school-community connections, events, and local work/learning opportunities for Hazen Union students





Vermont Portrait of a Graduate





COMMUNITY SCHOOLS IN ACTION



*Recipe for Connection,
Hazen HS 11/23 at
Hardwick United Church*



Cabot ES playground advocacy



*Vergennes Elementary
students participating
in food systems
learning via the CS
garden, food delivery, &
volunteering at the
local food pantry.*



Cabot Senior X, Danville Health Center



*Reading to Raise Anti-Racists, 2022-2023
- Ferrisburgh & Vergennes Union
Elementary Schools*



Community STEAM Night

185 visitors to 10 Events with
103 Unique Participants
Newport Town, Charleston



COMMUNITY - SCHOOL CONNECTIONS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

MENTIMETER QUESTION

1. Having learned about Community Schools, how might you, your organization, or field/discipline connect with public schools adopting this approach?



THANK YOU!

**Connect with us to advance Vermont
Community Schools!**

**Catamount Community Schools Collaborative
Research Policy-Practice-Partnership
(CCSC-RP³)**