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Dear Windham Southwest Students and Parents,

It is with great pleasure that I write to welcome you and your student(s) to the 2017-2018 school year in Windham Southwest Supervisory Union. I hope that your summer has been filled with fun activities. As we begin this year, please remember that this is your school and we welcome your involvement.

How quickly summer concludes and our thoughts turn to eagerly preparing for the commencement of another school year. This is always an exciting time of the year. WSWSU faculty and staff eagerly await welcoming our new families and students and catching up with great summer stories and memories with returning families and students. Academic success for each student is the main goal of every staff member and administrator in WSWSU. We believe that every student should achieve at the highest level and we are prepared to offer more time and support to each and every student in order to prepare them to be innovative learners. I ask for your support and participation in this effort by sending your child to school every day, encouraging your child to read on a daily basis, monitoring your child's homework, and asking your child to share what he/she has learned at school each day.

Throughout this the summer, I have had some time to reflect on the past years, Windham Southwest Supervisory Union is a truly special place. People *care* about people here. Whether my discussions have included details about special care that a student may need in order to be successful or if it included the care that staff share for one another, I have been so impressed. I feel very lucky to be your Superintendent.

As Superintendent, I will continue to listen, observe and meet with people to identify what works well and what things can be improved upon. I'm sure that the faculty, staff and administration assist me in their roles and together, we can forge ahead and build upon the success that is so obvious around here. Please take the time to review your school's handbook for changes, especially the SU- wide attendance policy.

The school year starts on, Wednesday August 30th for all schools in the SU. Please keep in mind that all the schools in the Supervisory Union use their websites as an important communication and resource tool for the community and families so, please visit them frequently. We look forward to seeing you in the fall.

We are looking forward to another great school year in Windham Southwest. Thanks for trusting in us to educate your children, the schools and I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Christopher A. Pratt
Superintendent of Schools