

February 3, 2022

Dear Washington Central Community,

I'm going to keep this week's letter short and sweet since we at Central Office have already sent you three messages today between the inclement weather notices and the superintendent search update from Flor Diaz Smith, our board chair.

This week we have had 21 cases of COVID-19 that have impacted our schools: 3 at Berlin, 1 at Calais, 1 at Doty, 1 at East Montpelier, and 15 at U-32.

We only had 2 people sign up for the vaccine clinic that we scheduled for next Saturday, February 12, so we have canceled it. Waterbury Ambulance worked directly with the folks who signed up in order to find another option for them.

Thank you for your patience today as I made the decision to move from a delayed start to a school closure. Ugh! I know that scenario is one of the most inconvenient for families and staff. The conditions at 5:30 a.m. warranted a delayed start. By 8:15 or so it looked like closing altogether was the safest decision.

We make every effort to keep our schools open. Given the forecast for tonight and tomorrow, we are watching the weather closely.

Please reach out at jmillerarsenault@u32.org or (802) 229-0553 if you have any questions or concerns.

Warmly,
Jen Miller-Arsenault
Interim Superintendent