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September, 2018

Dear Friends,

What makes you feel attached to the village of North Bennington? Many cords of connection create the village community, and lots of these wind through the school.

Long the center of the village, the school is still the focus of community activity, effort, and pride. On any school day, children and adults of all ages carry on the important business of learning, teaching and growing.

Five years ago, in becoming an independent “town academy,” we averted the threat of being consolidated and closed. This independence has also nurtured the school’s powerful community character. The school inhabits a village-sized classroom, and more. Teachers purposefully link their classes and curriculum with the resources around them – local businesses, history buffs, entrepreneurs, alumni, farms, museums, conserved land, Vermont Arts Exchange, Hiland Hall Gardens, Trout Unlimited, and Bennington College. These individuals, organizations and places all figure in the education of Village School students, be it calculating the potential power generated at a Paran Creek dam or finding the microscopic squiggly organisms in water from Lake Paran.

Village School students learn about the world by starting with what’s on the doorstep, and understanding it with increasing depth, confidence, and skill. As they grow, those strengths will serve them well in a complex, quickly-changing world.

Often what students remember about school are specific experiences that help them see and feel their world in a new way. Help us continue providing a vivid and thoughtful education for Village School students.

Please send your gift to the 2018 Annual Fund, at www.vsnb.org, or with the enclosed card and envelope.

Many thanks,

Tim Newbold

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