

Hazen Union School

Greensboro Hardwick Woodbury

November 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians of our Elementary Students:

Hazen Union School has made significant strides in many areas over the past three years with excellence being the standard. We are now at a very important juncture and we are asking for your input so that a course can be set to prepare Hazen's students for the future and for jobs that do not yet exist.

Now, more than ever, we need to be strategic in our thinking and planning, as we work collaboratively, in designing Hazen Union School and its programs for our students' learning, as we address the challenges that society will present to us by 2020. **Our current students in the second grade will be graduates of the Class of 2020. Although it seems far into the future, it is only ten years down the road!**

Change takes time and Hazen Union will be ready, if we act now. We are asking one over-arching question of our stakeholders: our teachers, parents, students, business owners, and community members:

How must/should Hazen Union School be designed so that our students remain competitive in post secondary education as well as for the world of work or for military service so that we continue to meet the ends (focusing on the results) that the School Board has set forth for all students that graduate from Hazen Union School?

Consequently, you are invited to attend one of the two *Vision 2020* forums to give input, as noted below:

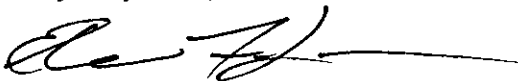
- Parent/Community Forums: **1. Wednesday, November 11, 2009**
2. Tuesday, November 17, 2009

We hope that you are able to attend one of the above forums and both will begin at 7:00 pm in the **Hazen Union Cafeteria**.

The facilitator for the two forums will be **Mr. Bill Romond**, former Vermont Deputy Commissioner of Education. He has assisted the State of Vermont in transforming schools for the 21st century and has an extensive background in technology. We are fortunate to have Mr. Romond as our facilitator and we look forward to his expertise to facilitate the Hazen community's *Shared Vision for 2020*.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 802-472-6511, Extension 104. Here's to making Hazen Union School the *Model Rural School* and the *Diamond of the Northeast Kingdom*!

Very Truly Yours,



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