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Dear Committee Chairs,

Thank you for your hard work and dedication representing Vermonters during the COVID-19 pandemic. We especially appreciate your willingness to consider the issues of educational equity which have been exposed and exacerbated by the pandemic.

We know that educational equity issues will arise in testimony when you return to the virtual State House later this month and that these issues are of great concern. In that spirit, the VSBA is advocating for the establishment of a Working Group, during this biennium, to address implementation of the Weighting Study recommendations along with a set timeline for the creation of the Working Group product.

The VSBA Board adopted this advocacy position at its June 10 meeting with the understanding that it would be communicated to you after the General Assembly completed its June work and recessed until August. We understand the importance of immediate issues that must be addressed when you reconvene; at the same time, we believe it is critically important take steps needed to move forward on the broader equity issues in Vermont education by establishing the Working Group and setting timelines for its work.

Sincerely,



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