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Vermont State House

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Montpelier, VT 05602

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Emma Holcomb
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Dear Emma:

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office. I appreciate you sharing your perspective on education, and teaching local government in schools. We must empower young Vermonters to learn about, and engage in, civics.

Over the coming months my office will be launching a "Lt Governor for the Day" program. I will engage with a classroom virtually, welcoming them to the State House via Zoom. I'll take their questions, tell them a bit about my work, and invite them to watch the Senate proceedings while I preside. More information about the program is forthcoming, but I would welcome the opportunity for your classroom to be one of the first I engage with.

Thank you again for sharing your views on education. I am deeply committed to elevating the voices of Vermonters, and I hope you will not hesitate to contact my office again. I look forward to seeing you in your community soon.

Wishing you good health as we work together to ensure Vermont recovers stronger from this pandemic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Molly R. Gray".

Molly R. Gray
Lieutenant Governor of Vermont

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Molly (and staff), I am Emma Holcomb, a remote third grade teacher in Franklin County. I met you at your meet and greet in St.

Albans this fall and I loved hearing all your ideas, and you had many great ideas for education. Something I am very passionate about. This year, more than ever, I am trying to bridge the gap between the children of Vermont and our local and state politicians to help enact the change they want to see. We have been talking about civics a lot and even more today after the unrest yesterday in D.C. As a result of all this I am asking if you would be willing to do one of two things, one be a mystery reader in my class, all you have to do is record yourself reading your favorite picture book and explain who you are. It would take about 20 minutes at most. Second, do a live zoom (or Google meet) with third and fourth graders at our Virtual Learning Academy in FNESU and have students ask questions about Vermont politics and government. I know it's a lot to ask and I am willing to do anything to make this worth your time since I am sure you are very busy. I also want to see my young ladies see more women in government and I think meeting you in either way would be empowering for them. Thank you in advance, Emma Holcomb