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Subject: FW: VIT Budget

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my concern with the proposed funding cut of Vermont Interactive Technologies. I have utilized the Montpelier VIT site to attend Grand Rounds for School Nurses. Through the UVM Area Health Education Centers Program and the Vermont Department of Health, Grand Rounds offers updated information, research and additional education on issues pertinent to school nursing and the youth of Vermont. The VIT sites are used across the state to gather nurses and share this information.

I am entering my 12th year as a Registered Nurse and my second year as a school nurse at Thatcher Brook Primary School in Waterbury. I have used this valuable resource to not only obtain ongoing education to provide current evidenced-based practice to students, but to also meet VT State Board of Education requirements for licensure and certification.

School Nurses are in a unique role, I believe, to help shape the future of the health of our state by influencing our students and their families. We are also unique in that many of us work in an autonomous role in our schools. Grand Rounds for School Nurses not only provides us with educational opportunities, but a chance to collaborate as a specialty outside our biannual state association meetings. Removing the funding for VIT sites would remove this valuable opportunity for school nurses across the state.

Thank you for your time and consideration to reconsider cutting these funds.

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