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**Rutland Intermediate School Kicks Off “Lt. Governor for a Day” Virtual Program
in Vermont State House**

Montpelier, Vt. — On Wednesday, February 24, 2021 Rutland Intermediate School kicked-off Lt. Governor Gray’s “Lt. Governor for a Day” program aimed at welcoming classrooms and students virtually to the Vermont State House and promoting civic engagement.

Participating via Zoom, Ms. Pheobe Forman’s fourth grade class learned about the inner-workings of the Vermont legislature, the role of the Lt. Governor and unique facts about the Vermont State House. Students met with Senator Cheryl Hooker of Rutland who joined via Zoom as well as with the Lt. Governor Gray from her office before Wednesday’s 1:00pm convening of the Vermont Senate. Due to COVID-19, Senators join the Lt. Governor in the Senate Chamber virtually during the week.

The Lt. Governor Gray recognized Ms. Forman’s class after gaveling-in the Senate and students watched the live session via YouTube from their classroom while displaying gavels they had prepared for the occasion.

“I’m inspired by the 4th graders at Rutland Intermediate School for their genuine interest in state government and for their thoughtful questions and ideas,” Gray said. “When asked what they would do as Lt. Governor, I was deeply moved to learn of their priorities of ending homelessness and systemic racism among other urgent issues facing our communities.”

The “Lt. Governor for a Day” program will continue every other Wednesday from roughly 12:00 – 2:00pm throughout the 2021 Legislative session. Schools and teachers are invited to register: <https://ltgov.vermont.gov/ltgovernorforaday>

“While COVID-19 has made it impossible to welcome classrooms to the State House, I hope students can still feel connected to the building and know that as our future leaders, government is accessible and participation is possible,” Gray said.

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