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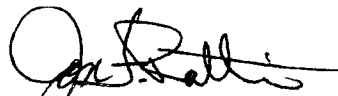
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Dick,

Just a short note to thank you for the lunch and conversation on Tuesday. As I mentioned to you at that time, Bellows Falls Union High School is currently on Technical Assistance because we did not make AYP (annual yearly progress) as defined by the No Child Left Behind mandate. We also severed our connection with the New England Association of Schools and Colleges in the early 1990's. Our board was concerned that being on Technical Assistance would negatively impact our students' opportunity to be admitted to college. I was directed to contact some college admission's offices to determine if this was a valid concern. I spoke with admission's officers at Dartmouth, Middlebury, St. Michael's and the University of Vermont. All assured me that being on AYP not only didn't impact the admission's decision but they were not aware which schools were on technical assistance. Same was true regarding accreditation. No where in the application process do they ask if the applicant's school is accredited. Bottom line, they evaluate the applicant and not the applicant's school.

Thanks again for the nice visit. Hope you resolve your educational issues in a timely and just fashion.

Best wishes,



Jon F. Ratti
Director of Guidance