What is the Partnership for Change?
The Partnership for Change was created by the Winooski and Burlington School Districts with their communities. Supporting the work of remodeling our high schools for a rapidly changing world, the Partnership...

- is the innovation arm of the School Districts
- is a convener of conversations and broker of partnerships between school and community
- offers strategic communications support to our schools

How is Change Happening at Winooski Middle/High School?
National research, new VT State Legislation and conversations with our community show that the following five areas are key levers for sustainable, student-centered change. Within each area, change is happening in our schools and community. Some highlights:

**Teaching & Learning**
*Teacher collaboration, flexible use of time and space, and technology enriches student learning.*
- Students become drivers of their own learning through independent, self-selected, instructor-supported projects in the new iLab
- 1-to-1 technology in grades 6-10 (next year in 6-12) promotes anywhere, anytime learning

**Family School Partnerships**
*Students succeed when there are strong relationships and communication between school and family.*
- Learning Walks welcomed families to tour the school, meet staff, and ask questions about the district
- This fall, FSP Outreach Team at WMHS coordinated door-to-door outreach to Winooski families
- The PACTS team meets monthly: Parents and Community Together with Schools

**New Graduation Expectations**
*“Proficiencies” represent standards students must know and be able to do in order to graduate and thrive in the 21st century. Generated from your input, the WMHS Graduation Proficiencies are:*
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Cross-Cultural Understanding and Community Engagement
- Effective Oral and Written Communication
- Engagement in Learning, Persistence, Physical, Social and Emotional Well-Being
- Each student will have a Personal Learning Plan to ensure that they’ve met the proficiencies

**Youth Engagement & Leadership**
*Student outcomes improve when they design and take ownership of their learning.*
- Student-led parent conferences will be piloted in some classes in spring
- iLab “Share-It” Nights let students showcase their learning for family and community
- 30 WHS students interned with VYCC Food and Farm Program

**Community Based Learning**
*Students are more engaged in their learning when it is relevant and connected to the “real world.”*
- Using Design-Thinking to work on flexible school schedule possibilities
- Winooski Tutoring at the O’Brien Center held over 930 tutoring sessions and connects UVM tutors with WMHS teachers for coordinated support efforts
- Senior projects pair students and community mentors in a year-long investigation of their choice topic
To Get Involved...

- SUBSCRIBE to our monthly newsletter: www.partnershipvt.org/newsletter

- GIVE INPUT to a specific area of change: Join our next Implementation Team Meeting on February 20 at Burlington High School from 6:00-7:30pm

- READ our Blog for a more in-depth look at the work of our students, teachers and fellows: www.partnershipvt.org/blog

- HOST a Neighborhood Learning Conversation: Join a student facilitator and Partnership team member - invite your friends, neighbors or co-workers to talk about student-centered learning and the change at BHS. For more information, email: info@partnershipvt.org

Who is the Partnership for Change?
We believe that everyone plays a crucial role in the change process...and that means you!

Community Organizations

Students

School Boards

YOU are the Partnership for Change

Teachers

Families

Higher Education

Business Partners

Administrators

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