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Dear Students and Families:

Last spring, the VT legislature changed the public high school choice law, which has eliminated regions. Students may, for School Year 2013 – 2014, apply to attend any public high school in the state of Vermont. The other major change is that there is a cap on the number of students who will be allowed to transfer from a school. This change is a result of Act 129 of 2012.

At the January 9th school board meeting, it was approved that Winooski High School will cap the number at 28 students who are allowed to transfer from WHS to another school. Winooski students currently attending other Vermont high schools, through school choice this year, may finish their high school careers in those schools without reapplying. The number of students currently in school choice will be backed out of the 28 slots available for next year.

With the change in law and more choice options, we will have various lottery systems in place. The reason is to make sure we stay within our cap (the number that can leave), while also looking at the number of students other schools have agreed to receive. Each Vermont High School must determine their capacity to receive students from other schools. At the January 9, 2013 school board meeting, the Winooski School Board made a decision to receive 15 students.

The responsibility of transportation remains with parents/guardians.

In the next few weeks, Ms. Emmy Charron, will share information, including the application form, with students in grades, 8, 9, 10, and 11. **Completed applications are due to Ms. Charron on or before March 1, 2013.** The selection process, including lotteries and waiting lists will occur between March 1st and March 31st. Students will be notified of their status by April 1st. Students must make a decision by April 15th so that schools can be notified. Please contact Emmy Charron at 655-3530 with additional questions.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Lundeen
Superintendent of Schools

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