

Newsletter item template for WSWSU Portrait of Student Success, for release 10-22-21:

Windham Southwest Supervisory Union is leading the way in making 21st century learning a reality for all students across our wonderful school communities of Halifax Elementary, Readsboro Central School, Stamford Elementary, Twin Valley Elementary and Twin Valley Middle High School. We are actively engaging diverse perspectives from our staff, students, and broader community in developing a Portrait of Student Success, a collective vision that articulates our shared aspirations for **every** student.

WSWSU is recruiting a dynamic Portrait Design Team that is diverse and represents all aspects of our community—including students—to help co-design the Portrait. Through this process, we'll work with our community to ask:

- What are the **hopes, aspirations, and dreams** that our community has for our young people?
- What are the **skills and mindsets** that our children need for success in this rapidly changing and complex world?
- What are the **implications for the learning experiences** we provide in our school systems?

In addition to nominees suggested and recruited by our school leaders and school board members, we recognize that there are valuable voices in our community beyond our known contacts--this is why we are issuing this open call for additional team members from each school community. [Click Here](#) for more details about the open call.

Now more than ever, learning experiences for our students must not only provide for the acquisition of rigorous academic content, but must also foster critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, and other 21st century skills and mindsets our students need to thrive.

Our timeline for the Portrait of Student Success is four months, which involves four Design Team meetings where stakeholders actively participate in creating the Portrait. We will share our progress along the way, as well as invite the entire community to share input.

Our Portrait of Student Success will be locally developed and globally positioned. It will be the first step in framing a new vision for Windham Southwest Supervisory Union across all of our schools. From our kindergarteners to our seniors—this work has an enduring impact. Each of us will play an important role in making our Portrait of Student Success a reality for every student as we continue to create meaningful learning experiences every day. And, once we create our Portrait, the exciting work of implementing this new vision begins.