

## Theresa Utton

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**Subject:** FW: VIT support

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**To:** [governorvt@state.vt.us](mailto:governorvt@state.vt.us); Theresa Utton; Rebecca Buck

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Dear Governor Shumlin and Legislative Members,

I am writing to ask for your support in continuing to fund the Vermont Interactive Technologies program.

Like many school nurses across our state, I make use of the VIT program for Nursing Grand Rounds five times a school year. The program brings a myriad of medical experts to speak to school nurses on a wide variety of subjects such as eating disorders, allergies and asthma, mental health issues, drug abuse among students and/or parents, and so forth. The program allows those of us who do not live in the Burlington area access to the guidance and expertise that these speakers offer so that we can improve our nursing practice in the schools in which we serve. Being able to listen to the speakers and ask questions is invaluable.

I am writing to you in my role as a public school nurse, but I'm sure there are many other groups of people and individual students who benefit from the services of the VIT program. In an economic climate in which many difficult budget decisions need to be made, I am aware that you must have many worthy programs in need of financial support. Because the VIT program is a statewide effort that provides educational support to a large and diverse section of the Vermont population, I ask that you give some special consideration to continuing to fund such a valuable enterprise.

With thanks and best regards,

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