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TO: Students, Parents, and the Entire Canaan School Community

FROM: Christopher R. Masson, Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Why Personalized Learning Plans?**

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This fall, Canaan Schools has started implementing a system of creating, monitoring, and adjusting Personalized Learning Plans (PLPs) for our 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students. The eventual goal will be to have the education of all our students in grades 7-12 guided by a written document that highlights the goals and aspirations of each individual student. Each PLP will be created by the student with guidance by counselors, teachers, and parents. Specific components of the PLP will include:

- **Student Information (name, graduation date, date of Plan...)**
- **Student Profile (interests, abilities, core values...)**
- **Student Goals (personal, steps to achieving, long-term, short-term...)**
- **Learning Expectations (common expectations, academic plan, outcomes...)**
- **Transition Plan**
- **Student Reflection**

A completed PLP will be signed by the student, a parent or guardian, a teacher, and administrator. You can learn more about the goals and expectations for PLPs [HERE](#).

These Personalized Learning Plans (PLPs) are a product of ACT 77 of the Vermont State Legislature and the [Flexible Pathways Initiative](#).

In my opinion, ACT 77 is the most beneficial education related law drafted and passed in Montpelier in the past decade. Students should have “flexible pathways” and access to an individualized education. Schools should be responsive to the needs of each and every student.

PLPs will help all of us better organize a system of multiple opportunities. A system where internships, virtual learning opportunities, dual enrollment classes, career and technical education programs, and a variety of other educational activities are not just available, but structured in a way that is more efficient and accessible to all students.

Embrace the PLP!!! They are not only the law, but a great idea!

Please feel free to call myself, Debbie Lynch, or Lisa Becker with any questions or concerns.