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Dear Castleton Select Board Members,

I am a member of the Rutland Youth Coalition and I write support of using the Castleton Village School as a shared community space.

Results of a survey of all middle and high school students in the Rutland City and Slate Valley School Districts by the Vermont Youth Project show that students strongly desire a connection to each other and their community. They report significant unorganized free time and limited participation in structured activities outside of school. See, <https://vermontafterschool.org/vyp/>

Research confirms that a space and activities outside both their home and school can drastically reduce substance use now and in the future. See, <https://planetyouth.org/the-method/> and <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamapediatrics/fullarticle/205204>

I ask you to please consider making this important investment to strengthen our youth and the community as a whole.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Patricia Lancaster

Rutland Youth Coalition Member