



Dear Fellow Members:

Yesterday when I was driving to the Food Pantry, I was mesmerized by the glistening snowflakes swirling in the air by the invisible movement of a subtle wind gust. It made me think about the myriad of invisible movements teachers make everyday to help their students glisten. Tomorrow we are back with our students and our important work continues. Hope you all enjoyed your vacation.

## **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021 - TOWN HALL**

Please join us for our second live "town hall" styled event with WREA members and Superintendent McCall this Thursday, February 25th at 4:00pm.

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83787057724>

## **SUBMIT TOWN HALL QUESTIONS**

During this meeting Superintendent McCall will answer questions submitted by members, you can read your question or have it read by a union representative. All questions must be submitted via the form below to allow leadership time to organize and prepare. Questions will not be taken from the floor, because the chat will be off. The pre-submission form will close on Tuesday, February 23rd at 5pm. Topics for questions are: Safety, Technology, Staffing, Culture/Morale, Instruction, Budget.

Submit Questions Here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaG4AZB5iLHsBxDfaZaVJN2IF-PYtICO9bA0PQs\\_6rYUvAaw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdaG4AZB5iLHsBxDfaZaVJN2IF-PYtICO9bA0PQs_6rYUvAaw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We are also looking for WREA members to read questions, not necessarily your own. If you are able to commit to attending and reading on Thursday, please email Kate Andrus at [kpandrus@hotmail.com](mailto:kpandrus@hotmail.com) by Tuesday at 5pm.

## **GIVING BACK**

About seventy-seven families were served at the Wachusett Food Pantry on Saturday, plus there were many home deliveries which were delayed because of Friday's storm. Staying to volunteer gave me a true appreciation for the complexity of managing food distribution, the many hands needed, and how our donation goes to good use. As I worked with Lynn Hanley (a retired WREA member) taking orders, collecting the food, and loading the cars, I realized many other volunteers took care of collecting and setting up items to ease our job. The distribution was well organized, moved smoothly, and was complete in about two hours.

Thank you to all the members who donated. Also, I would like to take a moment again to thank Jochen Welsch for initiating this project last year, Christine Hicks for suggesting we do something again this year, and to Jenny Orrison for creating our flyer. Way to go WREA!

In Unity,

Mary Shepherd

President WREA