

# Windham School District

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To the Windham Endowment:

In today's world, more than ever before, our responsibility as educators is to help students apply knowledge to authentic learning and real world problems. Learning is not a passive process; rather it requires the active engagement of the whole student in order to achieve this goal. The addition of a living laboratory, with the construction of a greenhouse, at WHS, will allow all educators to create these experiences and opportunities for students. Students in core science courses will have the opportunity to learn about processes such as photosynthesis and design their own experiments in a setting specially designed to meet this need. It will facilitate the space and create an environment to explore the interdisciplinary nature of our K-12 learning community.

Learning about sustainability, the value of local foods, entrepreneurial opportunities, and the design of healthy living spaces are all areas that will be available for students and educators alike to explore. While housed at WHS, this will provide a valuable resource for all students in the Windham School District. As students progress throughout the Windham School District, the greenhouse will serve as a living learning-laboratory for all students. For example, a second grade unit on plants will be able to access the greenhouse and work with professionals at the high school to engage in hands on learning in a practical way.

This living classroom space will also provide for the collaboration with community partners. We also look forward to the Greenhouse expanding our Extended Learning Opportunity program providing internship and community service opportunities. The greenhouse and its applications will allow for a wide variety of opportunities based on student interest, our curriculum, and enrichment opportunities proposed by educators.

We cannot thank the Windham Endowment enough for their commitment to the Greenhouse project. After so much planning and preparation, we are confident that the Greenhouse will add significant value to the children of Windham.

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