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Dear Friends:

I would like to thank you for the invitation to today's 3D Vermont's High School and Middle School Olympiad of Architectural History in Vermont. I am sorry that my schedule does not allow me to be with you in person.

Across the state, Vermont schools are making strides to encourage more participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math opportunities. 3D Vermont has taken this concept a step further by incorporating Vermont history and our local communities with advanced technology.

At a time when we need to be investing in quality education for students throughout the United States, I am proud to see that Vermont's youth are learning local history using 21st century skills. Today's competition promotes problem-solving and critical thinking which are important qualities for our future leaders.

As a member of the U.S. Senate Education Committee I believe that is very important for all students to have experiential education. Effective instruction in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math is fundamental to preparing students for success in the 21st century economy. I will continue to fight to make a well-rounded education accessible for everyone, including those who wish to pursue much-needed careers in STEM fields.

I look forward to hearing a report about your accomplishments. Keep up the great work!

Sincerely,


BERNIE SANDERS
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