Bolton Center School 108 Notch Road Bolton, CT 06043

August 30, 2022

Dear Parent,

Social-emotional skills groups take place throughout the school year. These groups may be run by a social worker, school psychologist, or speech language pathologist. In these groups, students who are developing skills participate along with peers who model positive skills.

Any child may be invited to attend these groups as a model peer with the expectation that different students will participate at different times. Your child will be asked if they wish to attend – participation is <u>voluntary</u>. Your child will never be taken from academic instruction, specials, or recess. Your child will also not be invited if their teacher feels they need to fulfill any other academic need. Students may attend few or many times or not at all based on their wishes. Typical group activity time is about 25 minutes per week.

If you do NOT wish for your child to be asked to volunteer as a model peer, please let me know by emailing me at the below address, or by calling the school. If not, we look forward to their participating under the same guidelines as all students.

These groups will take place outside or in large areas where we are able to meet or exceed the distancing and other safety guidelines that have been outlined in our district protocols and practices.

Grades PK-4: pmedeiros@boltonct.org

Grades 5-8: rbrown@boltonct.org

Thank you,

Philip Medeiros School Psychologist Student Support Services Bolton Public Schools