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Collaboratively Speaking

I trust that these beautiful summer days find you with the opportunity to gain much needed and richly deserved moments of relaxation and recreation. Individuals who never experience the stress, energy, and activity of a school year often fail to understand the necessity of recharging our batteries and getting a respite from the trials and tribulations of the school year. Not that it is quiet in the summer anymore! Those of us “seasoned” veterans can recall a time when summer was a time of quiet reflection and a leisurely pace. Today, our professional development programs are more robust, intensive, and comprehensive. Summer programs for students flourish and command our constant attention. Similarly, staffing interviews and decisions fill up our calendars.

Despite these pressures, I encourage you to find the time to enjoy the peace and beauty of a lake or seashore, trek through the countryside or pedal your bike down the many trails and paths that our area has to offer, or just snuggle up in a comfortable chair with a good book. Soon enough the new school year will be upon us with its many demands and priorities. I look forward to the new year and the opportunity to expand our sphere of influence and name recognition across the Commonwealth. We have made much progress over the past three years. I am energized by the opportunities and challenges that await us. In the interim, take care of yourself!!!

*Best wishes,
Steve*