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Gov. Shumlin appoints Connor Solimano to student seat on the Vermont Board of Education

BARRE – Gov. Peter Shumlin announced Tuesday the appointment of Connor Solimano, a student at Rutland High School, to the Vermont Board of Education. Solimano will be a junior at Rutland High School next fall. He will fill one of two student seats on the panel.

Solimano has been active in student government and was elected class secretary for his sophomore and junior years. He also serves as the student representative on the school board for Rutland City Public Schools.

“The pool of applicants was amazing this year, and I want to thank all of the students who took the time to apply,” Gov. Shumlin said. “Connor is a rising star who has impressively served his community and has volunteered countless hours to make a difference at Rutland High School. I am confident he will bring fresh perspective to the Board, and am honored to have appointed him as the Student Representative to the State Board of Education.”

“I am looking forward to learning more about our educational programs in Vermont, and I am interested in understanding how our local issues relate to statewide challenges,” Solimano said. “I hope to bring a new perspective to the board through my experiences as a student and community member. I know there are a lot of changes happening in Vermont relating to our educational system, and I am excited to have the opportunity to make a positive impact on the future of education in our state.”

Solimano will serve in a non-voting capacity for one year and become a voting member as a high school senior during his second year on the board.

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