

## AOE Partners with Edmodo to Support Vermont Educators

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MONTPELIER, Vt., and San Mateo, CA. – The Vermont Agency of Education (AOE) announced today a partnership with global education network Edmodo (<https://www.edmodo.com/>) to create a statewide network for Vermont educators to collaborate and access Continuity of Learning resources to enable continued support for all Vermont students. The Edmodo platform will also provide educators with a virtual ecosystem for peer learning and networking communities to share information and best practices. Each school district and supervisory union (SU/SD) and approved independent school will be provided with an independent space for localized development and online teaching.

“Vermont educators are very innovative,” said Secretary of Education **Dan French**. “Design and development of new practice has long been in our DNA, and the COVID-19 pandemic has just accelerated that. Edmodo solves the longstanding challenge of resource sharing at scale by giving educators equitable access to professional networking and learning in a virtual manner.”

Built like a social network, the Edmodo platform enables group conversations and threaded discussions, in addition to classroom tools and a robust content resource library. At the district level, schools will be able to build out environments for students, parents and teachers to communicate and collaborate if they choose. Educators will also have access to powerful remote teaching functionality for virtual learning and a robust mobile app.

“No teacher is an island, and feeling part of a learning community is more important than ever for educators. Edmodo aims to inspire teachers to stay connected and engaged, both with students and their peers near or far,” said **Susan Kim**, CEO, Edmodo. “We know that teachers reach their full potential when they have easy access to the tools they need. With this in mind, this partnership with the AOE will enable Vermont educators to explore related interests and join designated group spaces for focused collaboration.”

As the first statewide partnership in the U.S. for Edmodo, the Vermont AOE chose to introduce the network to all Vermont stakeholders because of Edmodo’s ease of use and multifunctional offerings. Additionally, it was important to support Vermont’s education community throughout the Continuity of Learning phase with a solution that addresses the long-standing equity gap in how educators can come together in a physical learning space.

In the past, in-person AOE convenings and training opportunities have been held in larger towns and cities like Burlington, or in the geographic center of the state, presenting a geographic barrier to educators in the northern and southern areas of the state. Edmodo will

support a virtual convening space so that educators from across the state -- from the farthest northeast corner to the farthest southwest corner -- can interact and learn from each other.

In the coming weeks, AOE and Edmodo will work with Vermont school districts to set up accounts and provide login information and training for educators to access and use the network.

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### **About the Vermont Agency of Education**

The Agency of Education implements state and federal laws, policies, and regulations to ensure all Vermont learners have equitable access to high-quality learning opportunities. The Agency accomplishes this mission through leadership, support and oversight of Vermont's public education system.

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### **About Edmodo**

Edmodo is a UNESCO recommended global education network and learning platform that connects teachers to the people and resources needed to reach their full potential. Founded in 2008, Edmodo supports more than 125 million members worldwide for accessible learning from any location, at any time.

Our classroom tools provide a secure space for teachers, students, and parents to communicate and collaborate. Our innovative remote learning offering supports continuity of learning in events of prolonged school closures or student absence.

The company is headquartered in San Mateo, California. Visit us at <https://www.edmodo.com/> to join or for access to additional learning resources. Connect with us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).