

**Vermont State Board of Education
Resolution of Appreciation
Patrick Brown**

WHEREAS, Patrick Brown has served with distinction on the Vermont State Board of Education since August 2021; and

WHEREAS, Patrick currently serves as the Executive Director at the Greater Burlington Multicultural Resource Center and has been the recipient of numerous prestigious awards from the City of Burlington, United Way, University of Vermont, and the Vermont Racial Justice Alliance, among others; and

WHEREAS, Patrick lobbied to make Martin Luther King Day a state holiday and organizes annual ceremonies to honor Dr. King; and

WHEREAS, Patrick has made invaluable contributions to the Board's work, particularly as a member of both the Independent School Approvals Committee and the Education Quality Standards Committee; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Board, Patrick has been instrumental in facilitating numerous presentations by local educators, administrators, and students that celebrate diversity, encourage equity, and promote inclusion; and

WHEREAS, regardless of the capacity in which he has served, Patrick is known for his thought-provoking contributions and perspectives; and

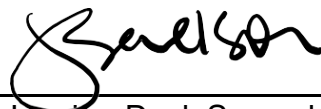
WHEREAS, Patrick is acknowledged for his calm, pleasant and patient demeanor, his wise and thoughtful input, and most notably that he is always a professional and a delight to work with;

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** that the Vermont State Board of Education recognizes and commends the service and commitment of Patrick Brown to the State of Vermont; and

Be it further **RESOLVED** that his colleagues offer to Patrick their deep appreciation for his many contributions to improving diversity and equity in Vermont, as well as their best wishes as he concludes his service on the Board.

DATED at Winhall, Vermont, this 13th day of April, 2023.

Vermont State Board of Education



By Jennifer Deck Samuelson, its Chair