

**State Board of Education  
Retreat Day 1**

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<b>12:30 p.m.</b>		<b>LUNCH</b>
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Icebreaker Activity (Jenna O’Farrell)</b>
<b>2:00 p.m.</b>  (BREAK as needed)	<b>B</b>	<p><b>Reinventing the Board</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Act 98: turning point for the Board’s future</b></li> <li>• <b>Past: how the Board <i>now</i> spends its time and talents</b></li> <li>• <b>Future: instead, what do we want to accomplish?</b></li> <li>• <b>Move from <i>reactive</i> to <i>pro-active</i>:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ define and assert the Board’s unique role in education policy</li> <li>○ focus on a handful of key issues to improve education in Vermont, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ student safety and well-being;</li> <li>▪ equity for disadvantaged groups;</li> <li>▪ teacher effectiveness and accountability;</li> <li>▪ right-sizing school budgets</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Use the Board’s ‘<i>power to convene</i>’ to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ examine issues in detail</li> <li>○ meet with experts and practitioners</li> <li>○ identify best practices</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Leverage the Board’s visibility and credibility (‘bully pulpit’) to:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ issue findings and recommendations in key policy areas;</li> <li>○ communicate through broadcast and electronic media;</li> <li>○ influence the Legislative and Executive branches to drive improvement.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>4:00 pm</b>		<b>RECESS (‘til 8:30 am, Thursday, 19 September)</b>

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*The SBE's Strategic Goals are to ensure that Vermont's public education system operates within the framework of high expectations for every learner and ensure that there is equity in opportunity for all and to ensure that the public education system is stable, efficient, and responsive to changes and ever-changing population needs, economic and 21st century issues.*

**State Board of Education  
 Retreat Day 2**

<b>– Agenda (day 2) –</b>			
<b>7:45 a.m.</b>		<b>BREAKFAST (Lake Morey Resort dining room)</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>		<b>CONVENE</b>	
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Reflect on yesterday's discussion: "Reinventing the Board"</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'Start, Stop, Continue':               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What should we <b>start</b> doing?</li> <li>○ What should we <b>stop</b> doing?</li> <li>○ What should we <b>continue</b> doing?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Next steps</li> </ul>	DISCUSS
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>		<b>BREAK</b>	
<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Board Operations</b> (briefing by counsel) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Meeting Law</li> <li>• Confidentiality</li> <li>• Public Records Requests</li> </ul>	DISCUSS
<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Discussion of Board Norms</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members' communications in public and by media</li> <li>• Members' involvement in special-interest organizations, partisan activities, and political campaigns</li> </ul>	DISCUSS
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Discussion of Schedule and Locations of Meetings 2019-2020</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schedule for Act 173 Rule-making</li> <li>• Board committees</li> </ul>	DISCUSS
<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Discussion of Responses to Sunset Advisory Commission</b>	DISCUSS
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>		<b>LUNCH</b>	
<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Other business (TBD)</b>	DISCUSS
<b>1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>Reflections/Evaluations of this Retreat</b>	DISCUSS
<b>2:00 p.m.</b>		<b>ADJOURN</b>	

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