

**Vermont State Board of Education**

**Resolution of Appreciation**

**Stephan Morse**

WHEREAS, Stephan Morse has served with distinction on the Vermont State Board of Education for the last eight years; and

WHEREAS, as chair of the board, for the last five years, he has guided the board through a major governance transition from overseeing the Department of Education, to working with the Agency of Education to oversee policy; and

WHEREAS, he worked passionately on the issue of governance reform and advocated for school district consolidation; and

WHEREAS, he advocated for active student participation of students in decision making at all levels and served as a mentor to students serving on the board; and

WHEREAS, he ran efficient and productive meetings that allowed all to participate... in brevity... and catered to all needs with well-placed breaks; and

WHEREAS, he advocated for the needs of the Agency of Education and the Board, so they would have the resources to effectively implement new programs designed to increase Vermont students' opportunities; and

WHEREAS, he used humor and well-placed jabs to lighten the mood and make a table full of individuals with various opinions and perspectives all feel respected, heard, and appreciated.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Vermont State Board of Education recognizes the service and commitment of Stephan Morse to the state of Vermont;

AND be it further resolved that the board thanks him for his leadership, guidance, and friendship.

DATED at Barre, Vermont, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Krista Huling, Chair