

Vermont State Board of Education

Resolution of Appreciation

Sean-Marie Oller

WHEREAS, Sean-Marie Oller has served with distinction on the Vermont State Board of Education from 2011 to 2017 with four of those years as vice-chair; and

WHEREAS, she previously served the people of Vermont for twenty years as a member and chair of her supervisory union board; and

WHEREAS she engaged every action as a board member with an intense and deep focus on the welfare of Vermont children as her paramount, guiding value; and

WHEREAS, she encouraged the board to address vital yet controversial subjects, as a way of advancing equality of opportunity for all students; and

WHEREAS, she elevated the quality of the board's policy discussions by her deep study and thoughtful sharing; and

WHEREAS, she included, and encouraged student voice and shared the office of vice-chair with a student representative; and

WHEREAS, she was a strong advocate for the independent integrity of the state board as a vital check and balance to democratic governance and as the most vital advocate for all of Vermont's children; and

WHEREAS, she was the model and exemplar of kindness in publicly and privately recognizing the successes and the challenges of others while reflecting the credit to the whole board.

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Vermont State Board of Education recognizes the extraordinary service, and commitment of Sean-Marie Oller to the state of Vermont;

AND be it further resolved that the board thanks her for her commitment to equity, student voice, transparency, and independence. We will miss your thoughtfulness, tenacity, and friendship.

DATED at Barre, Vermont, this 18th day of April, 2017.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: _____
Krista Huling, Chair