



Vermont State Board of Education

Resolution of Appreciation

Oliver Olsen

WHEREAS, Oliver Olsen has served with distinction on the Vermont State Board of Education since 2018; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in public service in 2003 and has served in numerous capacities, including as a planning commissioner, select board member, interim zoning administrator and town moderator; Vermont Representative for the towns of Jamaica, Stratton, Londonderry, Weston, and Winhall; and member of the Governor's Economic Mitigation and Recovery Task Force; and

WHEREAS, he is regarded as an expert on Vermont's education finance system and has served on a variety of panels and task forces focused on education finance reform over the years; and

WHEREAS, regardless of the capacity in which he has served, he is known both for his deep knowledge on the topic areas upon which he speaks and for ensuring transparency in the lawmaking process; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Board, he was instrumental in overseeing the implementation of statewide school district mergers pursuant to Act 46 of 2015, crafting amendments to the rules governing the approval of independent schools pursuant to Act 173 of 2018, and successfully advocating for updates to the statutory procedures governing withdrawals by towns from their supervisory structures; and

WHEREAS, he is acknowledged for his strong leadership and efficiency in developing subcommittees to distribute the significant and important workload of the Board; and

WHEREAS, he consistently exceeded the expectations of the position and, while doing so, modeled a high level of integrity and professionalism; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has praised his "tremendous attention to detail, a clear understanding of education funding and policy, and a vigorous commitment to the rules and integrity of the process";

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

Be it further **RESOLVED** that his colleagues offer to Oliver their profound gratitude for his many contributions to improving education in Vermont, as well as their best wishes as he concludes his service on the Board.

DATED at Winhall, Vermont, this 21st day of December, 2022.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Samuelson", is written over a horizontal line.

By Jennifer Deck Samuelson, its Chair