

Vermont State Board of Education

Resolution of Appreciation for Rebecca Holcombe

WHEREAS, Rebecca Holcombe served with honor and distinction as the Vermont Secretary of Education from 2013⁴ to 2018; and

WHEREAS, she has dedicated her professional career to education; serving as a teacher, principal, director of academics, director of teacher and principal preparation programs; and

WHEREAS, her steadfast commitment to public education and enhancing equity at the school and statewide levels has changed the expectations and elevated the aspirations of students, teachers, schools, and districts; and

WHEREAS, she leaves a strong legacy of positively leading the state through the challenging management of a declining student population while implementing the streamlining of school districts; and

WHEREAS, her humor, ~~and~~ wit, strong work ethic and generosity to others has been the hallmark of her leadership, and

WHEREAS, her example of continuous personal improvement ~~by~~ completing her doctorate at Harvard while reorganizing the agency to be more responsive to Vermont ~~directions and needs, aspirations and resources~~ serves as an example worthy of emulation, and

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WHEREAS, her leadership at the state, national, and international level has brought honor, respect and ~~accolades~~ ~~pride~~ to Vermont,

Now therefore, be it resolved that the ~~Vermont~~ State Board of Education ~~recognizes~~ ~~recognizes -and expresses its gratitude for~~ the extraordinary service, and commitment of Rebecca Holcombe to the state of Vermont;

AND be it further resolved that the State Board of Education thanks Dr. Holcombe for her tireless efforts on behalf of all Vermont children, for her unwavering support of teachers, for focusing on the continual improvement of schools, and for leading the citizenry, the general assembly, ~~and~~ the educational community ~~and the State Board of education for in more more~~ generously endowing future generations with the ~~necessary~~ knowledge, values and skills to advance the ~~welfare~~ ~~well-being~~ of all.