



**Vermont State Board of Education  
Resolution of Appreciation  
William J. Mathis**

WHEREAS, Bill Mathis has served with distinction on the Vermont State Board of Education for the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, Bill served as a member of numerous committees including the Legislative Committee (Chair), the Search Committee for the Secretary of Education, Strategic Planning Committee, Education Quality Review Subcommittee (Chair), Rules Series 1300 and 2360 Committee, and State Board of Education Vice Chair; and

WHEREAS, Bill has held positions of Managing Director and Senior Policy Advisor to the National Education Policy Center at the University of Colorado, Boulder, and as the former superintendent of schools in Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union in Brandon, Vermont; and

WHEREAS, he represented the State Board of Education on the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) through 2014 until August 2019; and

WHEREAS, Bill harnessed his influence from the *bully pulpit* and was mindful of the impact of statewide policy on the daily lives of children in Vermont schools, their families and communities; and

WHEREAS, Bill has authored countless widely circulated columns and conducted high-level educational research on the topics of state funding systems, assessment, standards, school choice and Constitutional issues; and

WHEREAS, his advocacy for educational equity in Vermont schools has never wavered; and

WHEREAS, he worked through marathon board sessions and continually kept the focus on the best interest of all of Vermont's children; and

WHEREAS, his historical reflection and applied expertise inspired us all to think critically and with a sense of urgency regarding the transformative possibilities; and

Now therefore, be it RESOLVED that the Vermont State Board of Education recognizes and applauds the service and commitment of Bill Mathis to the State of Vermont,

AND be it further resolved that the State Board recognizes him for his commitment to equity and excellence for all Vermont students. His exemplary work, leadership, guidance, and friendship established an exceptional standard for the State Board.

DATED at St. Johnsbury, Vermont, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John Carroll, Chair