



**Vermont State Board of Education
Resolution of Appreciation
Heather A. Bouchey**

WHEREAS, Heather A. Bouchey has served the Agency of Education as its Deputy Secretary and, on two separate occasions, as its Acting or Interim Secretary; and

WHEREAS, as Acting Secretary, Heather oversaw and issued the Secretary's Proposed Statewide Plan pursuant to Act 46 §10, which served as a resource and recommendation to the State Board in issuing its Final Statewide Plan and Order. It was a vast undertaking that fundamentally changed our education landscape; and

WHEREAS, during her time at the Agency, Heather also led the Agency's Education Recovery initiative to help families, schools, and communities recover in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic and further directed the Agency's response to the 2023 flood emergency; and

WHEREAS, no matter her role, Heather has demonstrated both a solid understanding of the intricacies of our education landscape and an unwavering commitment to all Vermont students through improving literacy, identifying and providing necessary supports to at-risk students, addressing students' mental health, increasing student access to afterschool programming and summer opportunities, leading statewide efforts that resulted in increased enrollment at our Career and Technical Education Centers, providing Local Education Agencies with critical guidance on homeless services, implementing an emergency feeding program, and bolstering statewide efforts to improve social equity and address systemic bias; and

WHEREAS, Heather is remembered by her colleagues as an understanding, inclusive, and intelligent leader who never fails to remember her roots, always makes time for others, and strives to model how to take risks and do meaningful work, despite challenging situations;

NOW THEREFORE, be it **RESOLVED** that the Vermont State Board of Education recognizes and commends the service and contributions of Heather A. Bouchey to the State of Vermont; and

Be it further **RESOLVED** that her colleagues offer to Heather their gratitude for her unwavering commitment to education in Vermont, as well as their best wishes to her as she embarks on this next chapter of her life.

DATED at Winhall, Vermont, this 18th day of September, 2024.

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

By Jennifer Deck Samuelson, its Chair