



Vermont State Board of Education
Resolution of Appreciation for Aaliyah Wilburn

WHEREAS, Aaliyah Wilburn has served with distinction on the State Board of Education from July 2023 through June 2024; and

WHEREAS, Aaliyah earned the deep respect of her State Board colleagues by sharing her perspectives as a student, athlete, and advocate in a manner that was respectful and caring of the needs of all; and

WHEREAS, Aaliyah has been deeply committed to courageously sharing her unfailing honesty, thoughtfulness, and maturity; and

WHEREAS, Aaliyah performed her duties with integrity and helped the State Board understand and appreciate the challenges and successes of high school students throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, Aaliyah has committed to being the change that she wishes to see in her community and her state through her leadership with the Vermont Student Antiracism Network and the Let Me Be Great Campaign, and through her social justice work in her school and community; and

WHEREAS, Aaliyah has raised student voices, especially those who have been historically underrepresented, in meetings and throughout the state with her impactful writing and presentation skills; and

WHEREAS, Aaliyah was a vital member of the State Board of Education and provided not just a student voice, but a voice for all Vermont students. While Aaliyah had only one year on the State Board of Education, her impact will be felt, in the continued work of the State Board of Education.

NOW THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED that the State Board of Education bestows its gratitude and commendations to Aaliyah. We thank her for her service and commitment to improving Vermont education for all students, and we hope that she will remain connected with our work as she pursues her passions. We all wish her a wonderful journey as she embarks on this next chapter of her life.

DATED this 15th day of May 2024.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

By:
Jennifer Deck Samuelson, Chair