



**Vermont State Board of Education
Resolution of Appreciation
Mark Perrin**

WHEREAS, Mark Perrin has served with distinction on the Vermont State Board of Education from 2013 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, he served as a member of numerous committees including the Legislative Committee, the Search Committee for the Secretary of Education and generously hosted countless meetings with legislators and officials; and

WHEREAS he utilized over 25 years as school board member, supervisory union board member, Board chair, vocational-technical director and a business owner to ensure that the State Board was mindful of the impact of statewide policy on the daily lives of children in Vermont schools and their impact on their communities; and

WHEREAS, his advocacy for Vermont's Career Technical Education centers kept this valuable asset front and center in discussion; and

WHEREAS he fiercely advocated for financial literacy to be, not only an option for students but, a fundamental obligation of adults to ensure that students are given this necessary knowledge; and

WHEREAS, he was consistently able to bring different points of view together to create a cohesive vision for the path ahead – especially on difficult issues; and

WHEREAS, Mark regularly shed light on obstacles to equity, such as food insecurity, and encouraged the State Board to work with organizations such as Hunger Free Vermont to alleviate these challenges; and

WHEREAS, he encouraged student voice through his thoughtful questions of our student representatives and student panels at State Board meetings; and

WHEREAS, Mark continually posed thoughtful questions and analysis that helped us all to understand what is not only possible, but practicable; and

WHEREAS, Mark is widely admired as someone who is rooted in what it takes to sustain family, community, and education in VT;

Now therefore, be it resolved that the Vermont State Board of Education recognizes the extraordinary service, contributions and commitment of Mark Perrin 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, consensus building, and friendship established an exceptional standard for the State Board.

DATED at Barre, Vermont, this 19th day of December, 2018.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

By:

Krista Huling, Chair