



## Vermont State Board of Education Resolution of Appreciation for Angelita Peña

WHEREAS, Angelita Peña has served with distinction on the State Board of Education from August 2020 through June 2022; and

WHEREAS Angelita earned the deep respect of her State Board colleagues by consistently sharing her perspectives in a manner that was refreshingly open and honest; and

WHEREAS Angelita was not afraid to take risks, show her vulnerabilities, articulate her challenges, and share her successes with pride; and

WHEREAS Angelita jointly developed and analyzed the results of a study designed to determine the emotional impact of Covid-19 on Vermont high school students and shared the results of the study with the Governor of Vermont as well as her State Board colleagues;

WHEREAS Angelita provided the State Board of Education with monthly updates addressing student academic as well as social and emotional experiences; and

WHEREAS Angelita performed her duties with integrity and captured the struggles and triumphs of high school students throughout the State who attended school during the Covid-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS Angelita 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 students have only two years with the State Board of Education, and only one year as a voting member, Angelita's years were full of insight and wisdom, enriching fellow board members and informing decision-making throughout her time;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the State Board of Education bestows its gratitude and commendations to Angelita. We thank her for her service and commitment to improving Vermont education for all students, we hope that she will remain connected with our work as she embarks on her senior year at Mount Abraham Union High School, and we wish her continued success in her future endeavors.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June 2022.

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