

Introduction to Senate Education

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My Experience

- High school Social Studies Teacher and Assistant Principal, Colebrook Academy, Colebrook, NH (1992-1997)
- Principal, Canaan Schools (PreK-12), Canaan, VT (1997-2004)
- Superintendent, Essex North Supervisory Union, Canaan, VT (2004-2007)
- Superintendent, Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union, Sunderland, VT (2007-2016)
- Director, School Leadership Graduate Program, Saint Michael's College, Colchester, VT (2016-2018)
- Organizational Consultant, (2013-2018)
- Vermont Secretary of Education (2018-Current)

Themes of My Leadership

- As a local leader, involved with almost all major Vermont education policy initiatives from Act 60 (1997) to Act 46 (2016)
- Technology, innovation, modernization
- Worked statewide with extensive experience in the NEK and southern Vermont
- Leadership with VSA as a former trustee, President and Superintendent of the Year
- Managed the state's response to COVID-19 in the K-12 education system
- Involvement in national education work as a CCSSO board member
- "Utility player" but strong interest in systems design and organizational effectiveness