



Vermont
Superintendents
Association

Brief Introduction to the Vermont Superintendents Association

House Education Committee
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About:

The Vermont Superintendents Association (VSA) is a professional association of Vermont school superintendents, assistant superintendents, retired superintendents and individuals licensed as a superintendent but not working as a superintendent. Membership is voluntary. All Vermont superintendents currently participate as members. VSA is 501(c6) nonprofit organization.

VSA's mission statement:

The Vermont Superintendents Association works to ensure that Vermont public education supports each and every student in acquiring the knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed for success in a rapidly changing world. To achieve that result, the Association:

- ❖ **Promotes improvements to laws, regulations and practices.**
- ❖ **Engages partners to support a framework for transforming public education to meet the needs of 21st century learners.**
- ❖ **Supports superintendents through transparent, proactive analysis and communications specific to educational issues at the local, state, and federal level.**
- ❖ **Supports superintendents through high quality professional development and supporting the work of superintendents within the districts they serve.**

Membership:

Current roster of membership includes 56 superintendents, including three directors of career technical education centers operating as independent school districts, 9 assistant superintendents and 5 professional affiliate members.

The Association is governed by five officers and five trustees elected from each of five superintendent regions. All serve two year terms.

The officers are:

Jeanné Collins, President; Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union
David Younce, President-Elect; Mill River Unified Union School District
Bill Kimball, Secretary; Washington Central Supervisory Union
Kevin Dirth, Treasurer; Maple Run Supervisory Union
Tracy Wrend, Past-President; Lamoille South Supervisory Union

The Trustees are:

Ned Kirsch, Franklin West Supervisory Union - Champlain Valley Region
Emilie Knisely, Orange East Supervisory Union - Northeast Region
Jacquelyne Wilson, Bennington-Rutland Supervisory Union - Southwest Vermont Region
Zach McLaughlin, Springfield School District - Southeast Vermont Region
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Key Collaborations:

We often work in partnership with the other education associations and our business location is shared with the [Vermont School Boards Association \(VSBA\)](#); the [Vermont Principals Association \(VPA\)](#) and the [Vermont Council of Special Education Administrators \(VCSEA\)](#).

With VSBA (lead), VPA, VCSEA, the Vermont Association of School Business Officials and the Vermont School Boards Insurance Trust we publish the [Education Legislative Report](#).

What We Do:

All of the work that we do centers around ensuring *equity* for all Vermont students, within and across school systems. Some examples of ongoing work of the association include:

- Support for implementation of Act 46
- Monitoring and supporting implementation of Act 173
- Focus on improving service delivery of prekindergarten via Act 166
- [Superintendents' Leadership Academy](#)
 - Of the 53 current superintendents and 3 regional technical center directors, 33 participated in the Superintendents Leadership Academy
- [Vermont School Energy Management Program](#) (In transition)
- Two major conferences and ongoing professional development [opportunities](#)
 - Fall conference with VSBA (November 2019)
 - Spring conference with VCSEA (May 2019)
 - Central Office Leadership Retreat (May 2019)
 - Communications Workshops (November 2018, March 2019)
- Vermont School Energy Management Program and School Facilities Management Feasibility Study
- [Agenda for a World-Class Education](#) with the Vermont School Boards Association

Past Work:

- Green Mountain Imperative
- Defining a Quality Education



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