

WHAT: Update on School Facilities Initiatives in Vermont

WHEN: Friday 1:15

WHERE: Waterlot

Jeff Francis

Vermont Superintendents Association, Executive Director

Jeff Francis is the executive director for the Vermont Superintendents Association and works with superintendents on a wide array of education related policy and management issues. In addition to working with superintendents, Jeff interacts with state policy leaders on matters affecting public education. During his tenure with VSA, Jeff has been involved in every major education-policy issue, from Act 60 - Vermont's landmark equal educational opportunity law to Act 72 - the recently enacted school facilities legislation. Prior to joining the Association, Jeff worked in several senior leadership positions in government including as Secretary of the Agency of Development and Community Affairs under former Vermont Governor Madeleine Kunin.

Mark Tucker

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union, Superintendent

CCSU comprises seven schools in Caledonia and Washington Counties – Barnet, Cabot, Danville, Peacham, Twinfield, Walden and Waterford. Before joining CCSU in 2019, Mark was Superintendent of Washington Northeast SU. Mark was a special education teacher at Waterford before joining Washington NE as Special Service Director in 2015. He moved up to WNESU Superintendent in 2017 when Nancy Thomas retired. Among other school issues, Mark has been a vocal advocate for resolving the cost-shift of student mental health services onto the Education Fund.