

## Spring 2024 OSSD Community Letter

As the greening up of spring transitions toward the warm days of summer, we recognize that the OSSD school board has also moved through a spring-like transformation. At our March board meeting we welcomed newly elected board members Aimil Parmelee of Randolph and Ryan Anderson of Brookfield. Rachel Gaidys of Braintree resumed her school board seat after she was reelected to her third term. Existing and new members continue to engage in improving our understanding of the policy governance model and how to effectively and equitably govern our school district. Additionally, we want to thank outgoing board members Chelsea Sprague of Brookfield and Megan Sault of Randolph for their commitment to the OSSD Board over the past three years.

This year, two of our district schools earned high rankings from the US News and World Reports. Braintree Elementary ranked 5th in the state and Randolph Union High School was recently ranked as 13th among Vermont high schools. These recognitions are a testament to the work done by our talented teaching staff and administrators.

After seven years serving the OSSD as superintendent Layne Millington will be moving to a new district at the end of this school year. We appreciate the work that he has done on behalf of the district during his tenure, notably in regards to student achievement, budget management, and facilities improvements. Under Mr. Millington's leadership our community has successfully approved school budgets and supported the surplus reserve funds. We wish him well in his future endeavors.

In July, the OSSD will welcome Michael Clark as he steps into the superintendent role. Mr. Clark brings to Randolph years of experience as a Vermont superintendent, most recently for the Grand Isle School District. We look forward to providing opportunities for community members to engage with Mr. Clark as he settles into the role. To learn more about Mr. Clark, a recording of the Superintendent Forum is available for viewing at <https://www.orangesouthwest.org/central-office/superintendent-search>

As a school board, we work on behalf of our school community and local stakeholders. We appreciate the community's willingness to invest in public education and always welcome anyone interested to attend school board meetings. Our school board and committee meetings follow Vermont Open Meeting law with both in-person and remote meeting options. Please contact Kyle Southworth, OSSD Administrative Assistant, for upcoming meeting schedules and links or visit the OSSD website for more information.

Respectfully,  
Your OSSD School Board

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