

Caledonia Central Supervisory Union

Cabot School, Twinfield School,
Danville School District, Peacham School District
Caledonia Cooperative School District (Barnet, Walden & Waterford Schools)

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Superintendent's Report September 2022

1. Open Positions

Barnet School

- Reading Intervention Teacher
- Custodian
- Food service worker
- Paraeducators for special education

Cabot School

- After School Program Site Director
- Paraeducators
- Custodian

Central Office

- High School Paraeducator at the St. Johnsbury Academy
- Board Certified Behavior Analyst
- Special Educator or Essential Early Education Teacher

Danville School

- Design & Technical Instructor
- Special Educator Substitute (approximately 1 month)
- Paraeducators
- Peacham School
- Elementary Math Intervention Teacher part-time

Twinfield School

- High School Math Teacher/Intervention
- Elementary Math Teacher/Intervention Part-Time
- Bus Driver
- Custodian
- Food services
- After School Program Site Director
- After School Program Staff

Walden School

- PE/Health Teacher
- Special education 1:1 paraeducators
- After School Program Site Director
- After School Program Staff

Waterford School

- Special Education Paraeducators

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2. **The New School Year** – Students returned on August 24th.
3. **PCB Testing** – The initial testing that I reported on in May is going much slower than they projected. Initial air quality sampling has occurred at Cabot, Twinfield and Danville. A more detailed analysis at Cabot has already resulted in preliminary results that are being addressed. At this time I don't know when we will get results for Danville and Twinfield. Waterford is currently scheduled for the 3rd quarter of 2022 and Peacham not until 1st quarter 2024 (not a typo).
4. **Covid-19** – We are going into the new year with responsibility for health monitoring and response shifted back to the school nurses. Very limited guidance from the State was summarized in my August 12th newsletter to our communities.
5. **Student Health Service Upgrades** – Our newly hired School Nurse Coordinator, Molly Brock, has had a grant proposal approved to support implementation of the SNC program in the SU. We have realigned health services across the SU to ensure there is a trained nurse on duty at all seven schools five days per week, with provisions for substitute coverage. The nurses are working on standardizing health service protocols across all seven schools.

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The school year is off to a strong start; there is a palpable feeling of enthusiasm from staff and students alike. Parents have been thrilled to be able to walk their students into the building in the mornings. The split bus runs have created a very calm start to the day for the PreK-4 students. In order to have separate bus runs and to meet our contractual obligations with staff, we run a shortened day on Wednesdays. In general the single bus run on Wednesdays has worked fine. We do offer care in the morning for students to be dropped off as early as 7:30.

Twinfield's Open House will be on Wednesday September 14, from 5:15 to 7:00. Families will be able to visit classrooms, learn more about some important programs at school like our Mentoring Program and our after school clubs. I will have a few words to share with everyone and we will conclude the evening with a performance by the Real McCoy. Brent McCoy is a world-class and wildly entertaining comic performer. His acclaimed show features breathtaking stunts, natural charisma, and a lightning fast wit. It's a rocking circus and comedy experience, appropriate for all ages. This ain't no imitation... it's the Real McCoy

Twinfield has been fortunate in our staffing efforts. We currently have one paraprofessional and one custodial position open. We have many new staff members this year and they have hit the ground running. They are doing great work and have reported feeling very well supported by their peers and the greater community.

Middle school students will be visiting the Northwoods Stewardship Center next week. Grades 5 and 6 will be attending on September 19th and grades 7 and 8 will attend on September 20th. Students will be completing a variety of group challenges working on leadership, communication and problem solving skills. It will be a great time to build trust with their teachers and classmates.

Administrative assistant Liz Newton has taken over the Twinfield newsletter. Please send Liz an email at elizabeth.newton@ccsuvt.net, so we can add you to the mailing list. The first Newsletter went out last week; you can access it at this [link](#).



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Student Services Board Report September 2022

1. **Hiring**

- a. Preschool Special Educator
 - i. We continue to seek an early childhood special educator to support our youngest learners with disabilities.
- b. Board Certified Behavior Analyst
 - i. This position is funded through the Medicaid grant and will be used to support students with behavioral challenges throughout CCSU. It was unfilled last year but we continue to seek candidates to fill this vacancy.
- c. Paraeducators
 - i. We are seeking paraeducators at most schools in CCSU.

2. **Selective Monitoring**

CCSU received 100% compliance on Indicator 13 (Post-Secondary Transition Plans) according to a report from the AOE dated June 15, 2022.

3. **LEA Special Education Determination**

The IDEA special education determination for the school year 2020-2021 was in the “meets requirements” category. This ranking is based on compliance indicators according to Vermont’s State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (SPP/APR). These compliance indicators include LEA performance related to suspension and expulsion, disproportionate representation, child find activities, and transitions of students with disabilities. Other indicators that are monitored, but not included in the determination, include graduation rate, dropout rate, gap in proficiency rates, academic achievement standards, educational environments, preschool outcomes, parent involvement, and post-school outcomes. Out of a possible 27 points on the LEA determination rubric, CCSU scored 24 points.

4. **CCSU Team**

I am thrilled to be part of the CCSU team. I have been warmly welcomed by central office staff, fellow administrators, and by special education staff. While everyone is amazing, I want to give a formal recognition to Allie Monahan, Assistant Director of Student Services. It is not easy for her having a new supervisor and a new fellow Assistant Director (Vicki Hummer). Not only has Allie taken the time to teach Vicki and I all about processes and practices in CCSU, but she has taken the time to answer all my questions about special education practices in Vermont since I am new to the state. One would think that since the IDEA is a federal law, there wouldn’t be much variability

between states....but one would be mistaken. While Allie has significant responsibilities of her own, she has gone above and beyond helping me learn the lay of the land.

Respectfully submitted,

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