



**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 October 2023**

**1. Open Positions**

Barnet School

- Custodian
- Elementary Teacher
- After School Program Coordinator

Cabot School

- Special Education Paraeducators
- ELA Teacher (start at semester break)
- Bus Driver
- Van Driver (10 hours a week)

Central Office

- 2 High School Paraeducators at the St. Johnsbury Academy
- Certified Deaf/Blind Intervener
- LNA
- Van driver

Danville School

- High School paraeducator
- Custodian

Peacham School

- Life Skills one-on-one part-time paraeducator

Twinfield School

- Bus Driver
- Health Elementary Paraeducator
- Elementary Paraeducator
- High School Paraeducator
- Food Service
- After School Site Director
- Custodian/Maintenance

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#### Walden School

- Special education paraeducator
- Preschool paraeducator
- Custodian school year

#### Waterford School

- Preschool paraeducator

1. **Annual Snapshot:** The VT Annual Snapshot data was released. This is based on the statewide assessment data for the 2021-2022 school year. The SU was designated as needing equity supports for students on free and reduced lunch, IEPs, and those in historically marginalized groups. We are working with the AOE to determine what supports are available. There is no additional funding associated with this designation. Twinfield Union School has been designated as needing comprehensive supports based on four year graduation rates from 2018-2022. Additional funding through the consolidated federal programs will be provided as part of the support offered by the AOE. A letter will be published on the CCSU website to let the communities know about the designation.
2. **CIP:** based on the designation of needing equity supports, an amendment needed to be made to the CIP. The amendment is attached in your board packet and it is one additional goal.
3. **PCB Testing:** This information remains the same from the September board report. Still waiting for a Corrective Action Plan in Cabot. Twinfield and Danville are still in the source testing phase. The Legislature included language in the Appropriations bill to fully fund all PCB testing, mitigation and remediation, and it was approved in a veto session after the Governor vetoed to budget bill. We will be able to have all mitigation and remediation work paid for 100%, and previous cost sharing expenses (20% of the charges) will be returned to the Districts that incurred those expenses prior to the approval of 100% funding.
4. **Community Eligible Provision (CEP) Rule Change:** There was a recent rule change regarding child nutrition programs. I am working with Tanika Stewart and Des Hertz regarding the option to change status from identified student percentage (ISP) to CEP. This decision will be made by October 31, 2023 and we will choose the option that best supports our schools including Title grant eligibility.

Anne Landry  
Acting Superintendent of Schools

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| Prioritized Goal  | Prioritized Change Ideas / Strategies  | Measures  | Human, material, fiscal resources to support orientation   |
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| <p>In order to address the needs of students in CCSU schools who are eligible for equity supports, (including students on IEPs, students who qualify for free and reduced lunch due to income eligibility and other historically marginalized students), CCSU staff will focus on improving ELA and math instruction in order to foster student growth.</p> | <p>Implementation of UDL best practices in all grades</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PD from Novak Associates</li> <li>● CCSU PLCs focused on UDL principles</li> </ul> <p>Math:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ongoing professional development and coaching from All Learners Network</li> <li>● Implementation of research and evidence based programming K - 8</li> <li>● Ongoing progress monitoring student data in school teams and at the SU level with LCAS data and other formative data.</li> </ul> <p>ELA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Professional development for teachers in preK - 3 through Early Literacy NIC participation and VT AOE Resources</li> </ul> | <p>Local Common Assessments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● STAR</li> <li>● POA</li> <li>● PNOA</li> <li>● High Leverage Assessments</li> <li>● TS Gold</li> <li>● DIBELS</li> <li>● F and P Benchmark Assessment System</li> </ul> <p>Formative Assessments</p> <p>Summative Assessments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● VTCAP</li> <li>● NAEP</li> </ul> | <p>CFP Funding</p> <p>ARP Esser funding</p> <p>Early Literacy NIC</p> <p>VT AOE Literacy resources</p> <p>Consultants</p> <p>Teachers</p> <p>Principals and District Leaders</p> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Purchase of decodable texts for use in preK - 2 classrooms</li><li>● Implementation of research and evidence based program for foundational skills</li><li>● Ongoing progress monitoring student data in school teams and at the SU level with LCAS data and other formative data.</li></ul> |  |  |
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# Caledonia Cooperative School District

October 12th, 2023 Report

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| <p>Barnet School<br/>163 Kid Row,<br/>Barnet, VT<br/>05821</p>                    | <p>Walden School<br/>135 Cahoon Farm Road,<br/>West Danville, VT<br/>05873</p>    | <p>Waterford School<br/>276 Duck Pond Road,<br/>Waterford, VT<br/>05819</p>         |

## Principals Report to School Board

Meeting of October 12th, 2023

Place: Walden School and on Zoom

Time: 6:00 pm

## CCSD Cooperation

CCSD faculty and staff have had the opportunity to collaborate with other teachers across CCSU on multiple professional development opportunities this school year. The focus of the PD work has been on Universal Design for Learning (UDL) and has been in collaboration with Novak and Associates. There have been two in person, full day, CCSU-wide in-services on August 24th and October 6th, as well as a half-day, early release in-service via Zoom. Each in-service has provided faculty and staff with ample time to meet in grade level bands across the SU to start focusing on implementation strategies of the UDL Framework. The three CCSD principals have also had the opportunity to be lead facilitators of various grade level band groups to help guide the professional learning.

On September 11-13 the 8th grade students from all three CCSD schools attended the day program at Hulbert Outdoor Learning Center where they participated in multiple team building activities. This was a great opportunity for students in our SD to meet each other and get to know some possible future classmates in high school.

## Barnet School

### Updates:

- **Family Day in Preschool:** On August 29, Mrs. Pilner and Mrs. Stacey invited the preschool families to attend a Family Fun Day at the corn maze in Danville. This has been a good kickstart for the season for our preschool program and we are hoping to offer it again next year.
- **Corn Maze:** Mrs. LaCoss, 4th grade *“On Friday, September 15th the first, fourth, and fifth graders traveled to the Kingdom Corn Maze in Sutton. Everyone had a great time! The fourth and fifth graders navigated the larger corn maze (successfully) while the first graders were able to enjoy the smaller maze. Afterward, everyone was able to go on a farm tour. If you have time, we highly recommend visiting. It was so much fun!”*
- **Team Building Time:** Eighth graders from all the CCSD schools have spent three full days at the Hulbert’s site on Lake Morey (September 11-13). Despite a few hours of rain, the students enjoyed the various activities of team building and social interaction. Students participated in group activities indoors and outdoors, depending on the weather.
- **Visits from High Schools:** Mrs. Devenger has been scheduling visits from local high schools with our 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The first visit was from a Guidance Counselor from St. Johnsbury Academy on September 27. Other visits are scheduled for October. If your child has a specific interest in a program in high school, please connect with Mrs. Devenger. She will provide some assistance with high school choice.
- **F.I.R.S.T. LEGO League:** Mrs. Bushey will continue to offer her robotics class in the afternoon. As you may recall, she was awarded a grant to start a robotics/LEGO class last year. She piloted the class with a select team of 8<sup>th</sup> graders last year. This year, she will continue her work with a group of students after school. Mrs. Bushey also registered Barnet School as an official FIRST Lego League Team, which will allow our students to compete in robotics challenges state-wide. She is planning on meeting with her students after school two times a week.
- **Apple Crisp:** The third and fourth grade students, coordinated by Mrs. LaCoss and Mrs. Bailey, and helped by the 7th grade class, collected apples from our trees and prepared a delicious apple crisp for the Open House. Here are some pictures of the students at work. Mrs. LaCoss helped the students bake the apple crisps in the outdoor oven, which has been just recently rebuilt by our students.

- **Open House:** On Open House evening, many families came to see the school and meet the teachers. Barnet School PTF helped us organize refreshments for adults and children. The Barnet School PTF also served our visitors some of the apple crisps made by our students. The whole event went very well, as we have seen an increase in the number of families participating in our evening events after the COVID years. We look forward to hosting more events for our community.
- **New Admin Assistant, Ms. Betsy McKinstry:** It is my pleasure to announce that we have hired a new admin assistant. Betsy started her new job on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Betsy has several years of office experience working for two different law firms and as a dispatcher for Barre's Police Department.
- **Champions Monroe Aim High Soccer Tournament:** Congratulations to the Barnet middle school soccer team for winning the championship at the Monroe Aim High Soccer Tournament on Saturday, September 30th. Participating schools included Barnet, Monroe, Good Shepherd, Rivendell, Riverside and Waits River. Congratulations to all teams for their great effort and excellent sportsmanship. The Barnet middle school soccer team is coached by Dylan Ford, and assisted by Joel Bartlett and Chris Goss.
- **Appreciations:** Barnet School staff would like to thank Mrs. Bobbie Roy for her years of dedicated service and Ms. Allie Dennis for being the interim admin assistant during the transition. We would like to thank Mrs. Debbie King, owner of the Barnet Quick Stop, for her generosity and her support of the school. We also would like to thank some of our senior citizens for volunteering their time here at the school. Mr. Dennis Kapula and retired Art teacher Mrs. Becky Boardman frequently visit us to read to our young children. Mrs. Deb Foehring has been volunteering her time several days a week both in the Art room and in kindergarten.

## Walden School

### Updates:

- **Human Body Systems:** Walden Middle School students kicked off their new unit, Human Body Systems, with an exciting visit from Rebecca from the Montshire Museum Tuesday. Students in small groups engaged with 5 stations including human body models (the overall favorite station), the digestive system, the skeletal system (including real x rays), microscopes and human body books.
- **Osmosis Eggs:** 8th graders are studying cells as part of our human body unit. We made naked eggs and are experimenting with osmosis by making claims based on evidence about circumference increases and decreases.
- **After School Program:** We are excited to have started the Walden After School program on Monday, October 2. In keeping with previous years, this year our program will include the provision of a healthy snack, daily outdoor play,

organized and individual sporting activities, as well as creative, educational and fun enrichment activities. Our goal is to establish themes, of a sort, so students may decide whether to attend based on the types of things he or she may encounter that day of the week. Monday's theme is Life Skills. Examples of activities include cooking, gardening, sewing and other handicrafts as well as health and wellness related projects. Tuesday will be our game day and kids will rotate between stationary games that require thinking and strategizing as well as more active solitary and group games or physical team building challenges. "Wide Wonderful Wednesdays" will focus on the amazing things in the world around us. We will build things, explore, do experiments and learn from people in our community who do interesting things. Thursdays will provide a choice between sporty things and craft projects.

- **Save the Dates:** Save the date for the 3rd Annual Walden School Halloween Parade! This has been a huge hit for students, faculty, staff, parents and community members the last couple of years and we are looking forward to once again inviting the community to come hand out candy, dress up and celebrate with us. Also...After so much success last year, the PTA is bringing back their Auction Night for a second year! Please mark your calendars now for November 10th. Dinner will be served again and there will be a combination of silent and live auction items.
- **Eating Well @ Walden:** Miss Pam has done an amazing job in her second year at Walden of providing the students with so many healthy options for lunch and breakfast. This year, Miss Pam, with the help of the Food Service Director, Tanika Stewart, and Assistant Director, Emily Snodgrass, was able to get a new salad bar serving station that has taken things to the next level. Students are loving the multitude of healthy choices on the salad bar and walk away with nutritious, loaded trays and full bellies!
- **PE Culture Setting:** During the first couple weeks of PE, we participated in team building games! In Cross the River, students had to get their entire team over the toxic river to the island with the same number of rocks as teammates. During Don't Drop the Dog, students had to use their hands, elbows and knees to move a stuffed animal around the circle without dropping it or they had to start over again. These activities inspire students to strategize and think outside of the box as the only way to accomplish the goal of the activity is to work together as a team and collaborate. There were definitely lots of laughs to go around!
- **PBIS Celebration Time:** The sound of the old Walden Star School bell from 1911 rang out and alerted students that we filled the fish tank and earned our first school-wide celebration of the year! On Friday, September 22nd, during the morning of our early release day, students got to rotate around from station to

station participating in fun and exciting activities to celebrate demonstrating our values of being Safe, Responsible and Respectful!

- **Harvest Time:** Last school year the 2nd graders had the opportunity to go to Harvest Hill Farm to plant potatoes they started growing in their classrooms. This year, now as 3rd graders, on September 21st, students went back to the Farm to harvest the potatoes and go home with a bag full for their families. Thank you to Bill Half for his continued support and the opportunity it provides our students.

## Waterford School

### Updates:

- **New Administrative Assistant:** We are pleased to report the hiring of Heather Ranney as our new Administrative Assistant. She comes to us from Concord Health Center with experience at Lyndon Institute and Union Bank as well. She began on October 5.
- **Kingdom Career Connect and STEM Fair:** Our 7th and 8th grade students participated in a Career and STEM Fair at NVU Lyndon on October 4. The fair was sponsored by VSAC. Students were engaged in workshops on CSI, Ski Patrolling, Agriculture, Land Management and the Military. They also were able to learn about promising careers in the State of Vermont. A great experience for our students as they prepare for high school and beyond!
- **Pumpkin Harvest:** Our 8th grade students visited Woodland Dairy in Kirby on October 5th. They harvested approximately 70 pumpkins for our annual book buddy jack o'lantern carving event. The carved pumpkins are lit for the community during our Trunk or Treat celebration.
- **Trunk or Treat Celebration:** Our annual Waterford School Association Trunk or Treat celebration is scheduled for Saturday October 27th from 5:00 - 7:00 in our school parking lot. This is a fun celebration of our school community with families taking the decoration of their trunks very seriously! They hand out candy from their trunks to our community. We also light the jack o'lanterns students carve with their book buddies. In addition we will be having our Scholastic Book Fair kickoff during the event.
- **Fire Safety:** On Tuesday October 10th Waterford Volunteer Fire Department visited us for Fire Safety Week. This year's theme is Cooking Safety. Students in grades PreK - 4 learned about how to be in a kitchen safely. Our 5-8 graders learned how to properly discharge a fire extinguisher.
- **Parent Conferences:** We will be hosting our parent conferences Tuesday October 24th and Wednesday October 25th. This is an important time for parents

to check in with teachers regarding their learning and progress being made in their classes.

- **Progress Monitoring Meetings:** Grade level Educational Support Teams will meet this month for progress monitoring meetings. EST plans are plans that are developed for students who require specific instruction or support in the areas of literacy, math and social emotional learning in addition to the instruction they receive each day with their classroom teachers. These meetings bring together classroom teachers and our specialists in literacy, math and social emotional learning to discuss progress students are making towards their identified goals.

### ***Upcoming Events:***

**Oct. 4:** Barnet School picture day

**Oct. 6:** No school, in-service day for staff

**Oct. 9:** No school, in observance of Indigenous People's Day

**Oct. 12:** PBIS Annual Conference in Killington, VT, Barnet School reps will attend

**Oct 16:** Walden School picture day

**Oct 16:** Walden - Nature's Classroom on Wheels program with the 5th/6th

**Oct 17:** Walden - Nature's Classroom on Wheels program with the 7th/8th

**Oct. 18:** First visit to the Hood Museum, 4th grade, Barnet School

**Oct. 19:** Stewardship Day, Barnet School

**Oct 25, 26:** CCSD Parent-teacher conferences

**Oct 27:** No school; Halloween Dance at 5:30 pm at Barnet School (fundraising)

**October 28:** Trunk or Treat at Waterford School

**October 28 - November 3:** Scholastic Book Fair at Waterford School

**Oct 31:** Walden Halloween Costume Parade @ 2:15, community-wide event; Trunk or Treat at Barnet School in the evening

Respectfully Submitted,

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**Student Services Board Report**  
**October 2023**

**1. CCSU Updates**

- a. We are contracting for a school psychologist to provide remote special education evaluations. We are still working out the kinks in the system as we learn this new way of providing evaluations as well as speech language services to some of our students.
- b. Special educators are working to implement the last of the rule changes related to Act 173. The last changes that went into effect relate to eligibility determination for students with specific learning disabilities as well as evaluating students for functional skill deficits.

**2. AOE Updates**

- a. No new updates this month

**3. Of Note**

- a. I would like to recognize Laura Cavarretta, our out of district case manager. Laura has stepped seamlessly into that role. In addition, she is providing mentoring, guidance, and case management assistance for one of our new special educators.

Respectfully submitted,  
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