



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 November 2023

1. Open Positions

Barnet School

- Elementary Teacher
- After School Program Coordinator

Cabot School

- Special Education Paraeducator
- Bus Driver
- ELA Teacher

Central Office

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

Danville School

- High School Paraeducator
- Preschool Paraeducator
- Custodian
- Middle School Girls Basketball Coach
- Middle School Boys Basketball Coach

Peacham School

- None

Twinfield School

- Bus Driver
- Health Elementary Paraeducator
- Elementary Paraeducator
- High School Paraeducator
- Food Service
- After School Site Director
- Middle School Boys Basketball Coach

Walden School

- Custodian school year

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Waterford School

- Preschool paraeducator

1. **Superintendent Office:** Now that Mark Tucker is back part time, we are working collaboratively to ensure the continued smooth operation of the SU. We are dividing up the responsibilities and workload until Mark gets the all clear to return full time. We are both committed to the support of all staff, students, families, administrators and boards.
2. **Budget:** Mark and I have had regular meetings with Mike Concessi to review and develop budgets with as much information as we have available. Mike is working hard to make realistic, accurate projections about both revenues and expenses for the upcoming school year for the SU and each of its districts. We will be attending a two-day conference titled "Effective Practices in School District Fiscal Planning and Management" at the beginning of December. This professional development opportunity is designed for superintendents and business managers, and sponsored by VSA and VASBO.
3. **Threat Assessment:** Mark and I attended a webinar through the FBI related to hoax threats. It was informative and timely, given the events that unfolded in Twinfield last month. The webinar was targeted at law enforcement, but provided a useful perspective to us as school leaders.
4. **PCBs:** Mark is continuing his efforts to advance the decision making process for the Cabot gymnasium. Mark has also spoken with the consulting engineer about Corrective Action Plans (CAP) for Danville and Twinfield. The source testing at those two schools suggest straightforward remediation options, but this cannot proceed until DEC has a formal CAP so that they can authorize the removal of the PCB source material. Mark has pressed for this to be resolved before June 2024.

Anne Landry
Acting Superintendent of Schools

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Student Services Board Report
November 2023

1. CCSU Updates

- a. M. Lawrence Batiste, a remote school psychologist, provided training for our special educators on the November 3 early release regarding patterns of strengths and weaknesses.
- b. Our speech pathologists and occupational therapists are preparing a professional development opportunity for support staff on the December 1 early release.
- c. By the time you are reading this, I am hopeful that our new school psychologist for the SU and speech language pathologist for Cabot (both remote) will have started.

2. AOE Updates

- a. The FY25 Act 173 Service Plan documentation was uploaded to the AOE by the October 20, 2023 deadline. This document provides information about anticipated extraordinary reimbursement for the school year 2024-2025. As Mike Concessi mentioned during budget discussions, extraordinary reimbursement is received after costs exceed \$66,206.

3. Of Note

- a. Tracy Davidson is the Medicaid coordinator in the central office. I would like to recognize her for her dedication, dependability, and hard work. Tracy always has a smile and a positive attitude. She offers to go above and beyond on a regular basis and I know I can count on her for anything.

Respectfully submitted,
Anne Landry
Director of Student Services

Caledonia Cooperative School District

November 13th, 2023 Report

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

Principals Report to School Board

Meeting of November 13th, 2023

Place: Waterford School and on Zoom

Time: 6:00 pm

CCSD Cooperation

The CCSD schools have been working on administering the district assessments to the students. All testing has been completed and the results have been discussed with the faculty during department meetings. In addition, each school proctored local events such as Stewardship Day, PBIS celebrations, field trips, and visits from high school representatives.

Barnet School

Updates:

- **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.

- **SISKIN** coach Jason was on-site on October 4, and taught 6-7-8 grade students some survival skills.
- **Field trip to Newbury Farm and Field Day grades 1-4**
Mrs. LaCoss: *“On Thursday, October 5th, the first through fourth graders traveled to Newbury School to take part in their Farm and Field Afternoon. The students were able to learn from people who are involved in the agricultural industry. Some of the highlights included making fresh apple cider, visiting the draft horses, and seeing the sheep (Buttercup), and turkeys. We appreciate being able to be part of this great community event!”*
- **Fall Foliage Festival**
On October 6th volunteer students from Barnet School helped out with the Fall Foliage Festival. In the picture below you can see three of our students all dressed up in period-appropriate dresses, helping with the tours of the Goodwillie House, one of Barnet’s historical landmarks.
- **October is Fire Prevention Month**
On October 18th, we received a visit from Fire Chief Ron Morse, his wife Deb (Emergency Service Personnel), Assistant Chief Dave Shields, Diane Thompson, Debbie St. George (AEMT), and Jon Sylva (EMT), members of Calex’s Rescue Squad. Mrs. Stacey and Mrs. Pilner helped with the coordination of this visit.
Barnet Fire Chief Ron Morse taught the students in grades prek-3 how to behave in case of fire, how to safely exit a building, keep the doors of each room shut to stop the propagation of fire, crawl on the floor to avoid dangerous and hot fumes, and much more.
- **Stewardship Afternoon**
Mrs. LaCoss: *“Students and staff participated in Stewardship Day activities on Thursday, October 19th. As members of our school community, it is important that we all take responsibility and help care for our school and property. Students had the opportunity to vote and then were put in small multi-grade groups. Everyone spent the afternoon working, collaborating, and enjoying the outdoors.”*
- **Math in the Middle School – Mrs. Adams**
Middle school students have been busy in math class in these first two months of school! 6th graders have been learning how to find the area of a variety of polygons. They also learned how to extend that knowledge to find the surface area of regular polyhedra such as square pyramids and rectangular prisms. They have been experimenting with creating 3D drawings on isometric dot paper as well as using nets to build polyhedra. The 7th graders have been exploring scale drawings and their associated properties. 7th graders are moving on to studying proportional relationships which will prepare them for their 8th grade unit on dilations. The 8th graders started their year off by studying rigid transformations such as translations (slides), reflections (flips), and rotations (turns). They carried this study over into Art class where they generated stunning designs using rotations and reflections.

- **Appreciation - Coach Dylan Ford**

Long-time soccer coach Dylan Ford retired from her position on October 18, 2023. Dylan has been an incredible asset to our school community with her positive and friendly attitude. Her energy and passion are contagious and her smile is addictive. We will truly miss her on the soccer field. Thank you coach for many years of contribution to our school community.

Walden School

Updates:

- Parent Teacher Conferences went very well on Oct. 25/26. We had excellent attendance from a majority of parents either in person or virtual.
- On Wednesday, November 8th we held our Veterans Day breakfast and had many honored guests in attendance along with their families. It was a great morning that was highlighted by watching our students interact with the many veterans that were able to attend, give them cards to thank them for their service, and then Mr. Mike led the PreK-8 in a couple patriotic songs to thank them for their service. Thank you to Ms. Pam for a wonderful breakfast, especially the delicious cinnamon rolls and quiche!
- On October 31st students spent the morning rotating to different Halloween theme stations for our PBIS whole school celebration and then in the afternoon we held our 3rd annual Halloween costume parade. It was so great to see so many parents, grandparents and community members come out to see the students and hand out candy.
- Please follow the link to read the great article that Vermont Rural Education Collaborative did on Mrs. Russell and all the amazing learning opportunities she brings to our middle school students. This was a very well deserved recognition of the talented Walden STEM teacher and the passion she brings to educating our students. We are lucky to have her!
<https://vtruraledu.org/2023/10/20/tammy-russell-focused-ray-of-light-and-energy/>
- The 7th graders, under the guidance of Mrs. Russell, went around to every classroom to pitch their top 3 VREC grant proposal ideas to see which one garnered the most interest. Each one of the 7th graders took part in explaining how they were going to apply for the \$2000 grant through VREC and what each idea would bring to the school. They presented a proposal to bring the bike smart trailer from Local Motion to Walden, to VREC and another school via Zoom on Nov 1st and it went very well. In the past, our 7th graders have received the VREC grant to build the outdoor bread oven, the outdoor classroom, and the disc golf course. We just received word that our students were once again selected to receive the grant!
- Walden hosted a FLU clinic on October 19th at 1 PM. Community members, staff, students and immediate family members of students were welcome to receive a vaccine at this clinic.
- I attended an FBI training opportunity that provided an overview of the realities of bomb threats and swatting hoaxes and included a detailed review of statistics and current

trends seen across the country. The training also covered the characteristics of hoax calls, law enforcement best practices for assessment and response, and the decision-making process for evacuation or sheltering in place.

- Walden School will be piloting a new data inventory system, eduCLIMBER, for CCSU starting this school year. Tamara Thompson will be the lead teacher receiving training on the system. The hope is that this system will provide us with a tool to better track data that can be easily looked at not just within each school but throughout our district for intervention, specialized instruction, lesson planning, curriculum development, broad and/or specific educational change across the SU or within a school or even particular grade and so on.
- Math teachers grades K-8 and intervention all attended a professional development opportunity through All Learner's Network the afternoon of our October 27th early release. Literacy teachers stayed at Walden School and met in teams to review student data and have much desired common planning time.

Waterford School

Updates:

- Parent Conferences Update - On October 24th and 26th we hosted families for conferences and had a strong turnout for all of our classes. Many classrooms had 100% attendance with others falling just short of that. We value the partnerships that are developed each school year and appreciate the commitment of our parents in attending
- Veterans Day - On Friday November 10th we honored our Veterans with a breakfast organized by our 8th grade class with support from Jennifer Wood and Mike Errickson. We had student speeches, singing of the National Anthem and our student body singing patriotic songs for our guests. We often talk about the importance of "being the good " and contributing to the common good of our communities. Our Veterans are a perfect example of these values being lived out and we thank them for their service!
- Success Leadership - On November 28, 29 and 30 Waterford 8th graders will return to Hulbert Outdoor Center for the Success Leadership Program. The Success Leadership program helps students learn key principles that inspire and empower them to assume leadership roles at their school and in their lives, and to use their leadership skills to help others in their community. The Success Leadership Program features three main components:
 - Leadership Workshops
 - Teambuilding Activities
 - Community Project
- Hoax Threat Training - On October 24th I attended an FBI Hoax Threat Training on how to identify a threat as real or a hoax. Across the country, and here in Vermont, communities have experienced threats that have proven to be untrue. This training assisted school administrators and local first responders in how to detect a hoax threat.
- On November 2nd Burke Mountain and on November 7th Village Sports came to school to fit students for skis and snowboards as part of our Winter activities program.
- Book Fair - Our fall book fair, sponsored by WSA, brought in \$3,745 in worth of sales!

- Vaping Education - Roxanne Roberts will be hosting Rose Sheehan in her Health classes on November 16th, 17th and 21st. She will be presenting to our middle school students the risks and dangers of vaping.

Upcoming Events:

Nov 1-2: CPR training for staff at Barnet School

Nov 8: Walden School Veterans Day breakfast and performance 7:30 am-8:30 am

Nov 10: Waterford and Barnet School Veterans Day Breakfast and performance 7:30 - 9:30 am

Nov 10: Walden 8th grade parent meeting @ 5:00

Nov 10: Walden PTA Spaghetti Dinner and Auction @ 5:30

Nov 13: CCSD School Board Meeting @ Waterford School @ 6 pm

Nov 17: Barnet School, Whipple Studio Photo retake

Nov 21 - End Trimester 1

Nov 22-26: Thanksgiving Break

Nov 28-30: Waterford 8th Grade Success Leadership Program at Hulbert

Respectfully Submitted,

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