

**Vermont Superintendents Association  
Annual Leadership Meeting  
Thursday, August 30, 2018  
BRSU Offices - 6378 VT Rte. 7A – Sunderland, VT  
9:00 a.m.**

**Participants include Trustees and Regional Group Presidents/Co-Presidents  
for 2018-19 and 2017-18**

## **Agenda**

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions – *President-Elect David Younce*
- 9:10 a.m. Icebreaker Activity - *David Younce*
- 9:30 a.m. Overview of the Day - *David Younce*
- 9:35 a.m. Organize Welcome Message for Secretary Dan French - *David Younce*
- 10:05 a.m. Break
- 10:15 a.m. Welcome Dan French, Vermont Secretary of Education - *David Younce*
- Dan French Comments
  - VSA Insights/Perspective
  - Discussion
- 11:30 a.m. Superintendents' Reflections
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. VSA Staff Briefing: Communications and Professional Development Capacity - *Jeff Francis and Chelsea Myers*
- Report on progress since the addition of the Communications and Professional Development Associate
  - Concepts for future activities

- Augmenting Chelsea's contributions and experience

1:15 p.m. Strategic Direction for the Vermont Superintendents Association - *David Younce and Jeff Francis*

Major Focus Areas, Current Priorities & Status Update (40 minutes)

- Equity
- Advancing the Agenda for a World-Class Education
- Equitable, Efficient, Effective Implementation of Act 77
- Equitable, Efficient, Effective Implementation of Act 166
- Equitable, Efficient, Effective Implementation of Act 46
- Continuing Economic Strength of the Association
- Support for Members
- Other

Upcoming Focus Area (10 minutes)

- Equitable, Efficient, Effective Implementation of Act 173
- Other

2:05 p.m. Considering the Political/Policy Context: What has worked? What has not? - *Jeff Francis*

2:20 p.m. Break

2:30 p.m. Review and Discuss Focus Areas and Priorities

- What should change, be added or deleted
- Summarizing recommendations

3:30 p.m. Next steps - *David Younce*

4:00 p.m. Adjourn

**Advanced Reading - Resource Materials**

Please find all meeting materials on our website: [VSA Leadership Retreat](#)

**Invited Participants:**

2018/19 Trustees:

Jeanné Collins, President  
David Younce, President-Elect  
Kevin Dirth, Treasurer  
Bill Kimball, Secretary  
Tracy Wrend, Past-President  
Ned Kirsch, Champlain Valley Region  
Emilie Knisley, Northeast Region  
Zach McLaughlin, Southeast Region  
Jacquelyne Wilson, Southwest Region  
Brigid Nease, Winooski Valley Region

2017/2018 Trustees:

Elaine Pinckney, Past-President  
Michael Clark, Northeast Region

2018/2019 Regional Association  
Presidents/Co-Presidents:

Sean McMannon, Champlain  
Valley Region Co-President  
David Young, Champlain Valley  
Region Co-President  
Jennifer Botzjorns, Northeast  
Region Co-President  
John Castle, Northeast Region  
Co-President  
Chris Pratt, Southeast Region  
President  
Brooke Farrell, Southwest Region  
President  
Susette Bollard, Winooski Valley  
Region President

2017/2018 Regional Association  
President:

Debra Taylor, Southwest Region  
President