

Superintendent's Spotlight

Voluntown Public School System  
Voluntown, Connecticut  
December 18, 2024

Dear Members of the Voluntown Community,

This letter is to inform you that I will retire at the end of this school year on June 30, 2025, after a total of 58 years as an educator in Connecticut. This includes my 20 very rewarding years as the Voluntown Superintendent of Schools.

It has been an honor to serve as the permanent part-time Superintendent of Schools since the 2005-2006 school year. I always looked forward to each day collaborating and working with an outstanding faculty, staff, parents, community members, and above all, the students.

When I first started in Voluntown, I was told the budget must be frozen because there was a very large deficit, and the school system may need to ask the town for an additional allocation. I noted I had never frozen a budget but implemented "essential spending". Throughout these years as a Superintendent with Business Manager responsibilities of signing all budget documents, we always stayed within the approved budget or "spending plan". I have personally signed all Requisition Forms and Purchase Orders throughout my tenure. Throughout these years, we never went back to the town for additional budget increases and the school system currently has no debt. We annually completed all state mandated budget audits on time and with praises for budgeting accuracy.

I have appreciated the opportunity to be a part of the Voluntown community as we met all state and federal education mandates, remained competitive with other school systems, and offered students excellent education opportunities. My philosophy has been to identify the academic, social-emotional, and physical needs of all students and create appropriate educational programs to meet those needs. I have been pleased with our accomplishments in curriculum development, implementation, and evaluation. We have been skilled with the identification of Special Education needs and creating IEP Plans and implementing 504 Plans as well as maintaining rewarding and meaningful programs for all students. There are leadership systems in place that utilize decision-making processes for maintaining a healthy school system. Our skilled faculty has displayed effectiveness in making smooth transitions in an excellent learning environment for our Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade School and special choices for our Ninth through Grade 12-plus students

I am available to support the Board of Education and the community during this time of transition. I also look forward to spending more time with my extended family, especially with boating, here along the Connecticut coast and near Long Island in Casco Bay, Maine where we have a family cottage my great grandfather built many years ago.

Sincerely,

Adam S. Burrows  
Superintendent of Schools

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