

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT THIRTY-NINE

Amherst, Mont Vernon, and Souhegan Cooperative School Districts

CHRISTINE PETERS
SAU 39 Board Chair



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On February 19, 2026, the Board voted unanimously to reinstate Superintendent Mike Berry to active service, effective immediately.

Over the past several weeks, the SAU 39 Board conducted a thorough and careful review of the matter that led to his placement on non-punitive, paid administrative leave. We approached this responsibility with diligence and care in order to ensure the process was fair, thoughtful, and grounded in our obligation to the community and, most importantly, to our students.

Superintendent Berry fully cooperated throughout the review, which helped the Board complete its work in a timely and comprehensive manner. The purpose of this review was to determine whether there were any violations of District policies, New Hampshire Department of Education rules, or the terms of his existing employment contract. No violations were found.

We understand that this period has created uncertainty for members of our school community. The Board remains committed to stability in leadership, transparency in governance, and maintaining a strong focus on student success and staff support.

As we move forward, our collective priority is clear: providing a positive, high-quality educational experience. We appreciate the patience and continued partnership of our families, staff, and community members.