

# YEAR IN REVIEW

## 2016-17

**Burlington School District**  
**July 11, 2017 School Board Meeting**

THERE HAVE BEEN MANY  
ACCOMPLISHMENTS WE'VE HAD OVER THE  
YEAR AND COULD ONLY CAPTURE JUST A  
SNAPSHOT HERE.

APOLOGIES TO THOSE WHO WE COULDN'T  
ACKNOWLEDGE!

# DISTRICT SUCCESSES

## Curriculum



- High School completion rate **increased over 4 percent**
  - **90.59% in SY 15-16**
  - Up from 86% in SY 14-15
- BHS graduated **234 students**
- Within 16 months of graduation, **nearly 84%** of BHS 2014 graduates enrolled in some form of higher education for at least 3 semesters over 2 academic years. The State average is 81.5%.
- The Ready for Kindergarten assessment was **nearly 76%**. Scores in VT start at 61%.
- BHS saw its suspension rate **decrease by 50%**, thanks in large part to the implementation of restorative practices

# DISTRICT SUCCESSES

## Approved Ballot Items Set Tone For Future of BSD



The District's Fiscal Year '18 **budget and** \$19 million infrastructure improvement **bond** ballot items **both passed by significant margins on Town Meeting Day.**

Unofficial results released by the Burlington City Clerk's Office show that the **budget was approved by 3,905 - 2,717 votes** and the **bond passed by a significant margin of 5,047 to 1,552.**

The approved bond will be part of a **new capital improvement fund to address deferred maintenance items** in schools throughout the District. Implementation planning for this capital program will begin in the coming months.

# DISTRICT SUCCESSES

## New Projects Underway



**BHS Re Envisioning Committee** has begun their preliminary work to present a recommendation to the Superintendent for a **direction on future BHS plans and to develop a public awareness initiative.**

A **new, accessible website** will be launched this Fall! This website will user friendly, a great resource, and highlight the uniqueness of our school District.

# DISTRICT SUCCESSES

## Student Support Services



The first **Student Support Services parent forum** was held to assist in the restructuring of service delivery methods.

Results from the **annual AOE survey to parents** show **92%** of respondents agreed/strongly agreed that District staff members are readily available to speak with them, and **84%** agreed/strongly agreed they are encouraged to participate in the decision making process.

# DISTRICT SUCCESSES

## English Language Learning



- **116 students** from over **20 different** first language backgrounds were assessed and placed in schools using a **new centralized system.**
- **Doubled the size** of EL summer school at BHS - **60 slots** for newly-arrived EL students in the **SUCCESS program.**
- A new position, targeted recruitment, and language support led to a **huge jump** in **BTC enrollment** for 17-18 with 21 EL students registered for classes.
- The first **EL Professional Learning Conference** for all elementary educators on 6/21 had **180 participants.**
- **The New Parent Advisory Committee and an Immigration Panel,** brought more than **150 New American family members** to Schools for active dialogues during the year.

# DISTRICT SUCCESSES

Strategic Planning Progress



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# DISTRICT SUCCESSES

## First Annual Inclusive Strategies Conference



Through group discussions and exercises **Burlington educators shared culturally responsive teaching strategies** for the P-12 classroom.

# DISTRICT SUCCESSES

## Fourth Parent University



**30 New Americans** graduated in the fourth **Parent University** class, a program made possible through collaboration with **numerous community partner organizations.**

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# STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Celebrating the Arts in BSD



Photo from BFP

- **Music education** and **drama productions** are active in District schools, delivering community performances throughout the year.
- **Visual arts** are offered to all BSD students with opportunity to work in a multiple mediums.
- Community partnerships infuse the arts curriculum with stakeholders throughout the City. Among many, at **IAA 147 families from 20 countries** took part in the family portrait, and at **Champlain** the **Voices Project** brought the entire school together to produce a record for families to enjoy.

# STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Flynn Elementary Weather  
Station is now Active!



An example of one of our many successful community partnerships took place at J.J. Flynn where **second and third grade students**, with the help of community partners from **Dealer.com**, created a **weather station** that is now active in the school garden.

The station takes **temperature, humidity, precipitation, sun exposure, wind direction and wind speed readings** and uploads the data to share online.

The school held a celebration to activate the weather station in May and was joined by a special guest, Meteorologist **Tom Messner** from NBC5.

# STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Spelling Team Champions

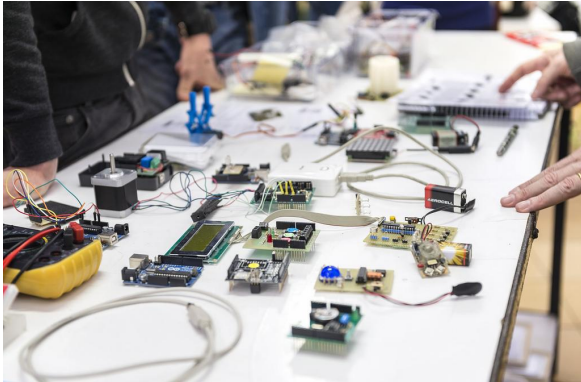


Team Photo

The **Champlain Elementary Spelling Team** brought the district title **back to Pine Street for the first time in 13 years** after edging out their peers at the annual elementary school bee at the Miller Center.

# DISTRICT SUCCESSES

Burlington Middle Schools  
Awarded \$40,000 from Verizon  
Innovative Learning for  
Makerspaces



Lyman C. Hunt and Edmunds Middle Schools have been **awarded grants from Verizon Innovative Learning for \$20,000 each**, for the creation of makerspaces at their respective schools. Schools nationwide applied for the grant, which will be used to design a space where people can go to **create, invent and learn in a do-it-yourself and hands-on setting.**

# DISTRICT SUCCESSES

## Continued NEASC Accreditation



Among the accolades BHS received were:

- the faculty's commitment to align academics with the clear graduation expectations;
- the wide variety of assessment strategies and measurable criteria for success in place;
- the safe, positive, respectful and supportive learning environment;
- the high level of acceptance of a wide range of diversity in the student body by students and faculty;
- technology use and support;
- opportunity for family involvement and the active role taken by multilingual liaisons to engage English Language Learning (ELL) parents and families as partners in their children's education.

# STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Anders Ode named 2017  
Presidential Scholar



Burlington High School Senior Anders Ode has been named a 2017 U.S. Presidential Scholar, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. Anders is one of two Vermont High School seniors to receive this honor. The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars selects students annually based on their **academic success, artistic excellence, essays, school evaluations and transcripts, as well as evidence of community service, leadership, and demonstrated commitment to high ideals.**



# STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Burlington Technical Center



- Enrollment increased **nearly 30%** for **SY 17-18**, over 300 students from marketing this past year.
- **Eliza Kissam** named Vermont Career Tech Ed Presidential Scholar.
- **Multiple grants (Including State Innovation and Federal Perkins)**, obtained to continue to grow BTC.
- Creation and construction of a **new makerspace** to open this fall.

# STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUCCESSSES

BHS Graduation Highlights



**BHS graduating class of 2017** was made up of **234 students** who are poised to take **exciting next steps toward their educational and career goals.**

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# STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Athletics...



Soccer  
Championship

Some **BHS Athletics** Highlights:

- **16 Boys and Girls Varsity Sports** offered throughout the year.
- Boys Soccer won the **Division I State Championship**, finishing the season 17-1.
- Co-Ed Ultimate Frisbee won the **State Championship**, capping off a perfect season.
- Boys Indoor Track finished **2nd at the State Meet**.
- Boys Basketball advanced to the **Division I Semifinals**.
- Baseball advanced to the **semifinals for the first time in 20 years**.
- Football advanced to the **semifinals**.

# STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUCCESSES

## Unified Sports

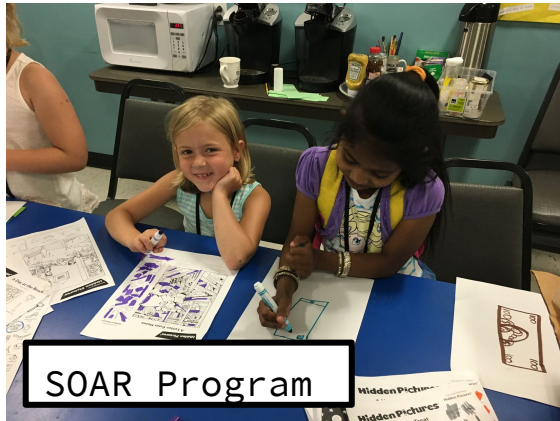


### Year Highlights

- Unified athletics **received enhancement funds** from the school budget for the first time.
- **The Basketball team** advanced to the league **semifinals**.
- Held **first exhibition soccer game** against Bellecate.
- **30 members** raised **over \$10,000** for the Cool School Penguin Plunge Team- of which our program received 10%.
- The **Bowling Team** is a popular activity also offered.

# STUDENT AND SCHOOL SUCCESSES

Keeping Children Thriving  
During the Summer



During the break **over 600 students** are taking part in free summer school and expanding learning opportunities available. Our Burlington School Food Project **offers free and healthy meals to anyone 18 years old or younger**, providing lunch and dinner service throughout the City.

WE ARE EXCITED FOR WHAT'S  
NEXT IN 2017-18!

