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Dear Emilie:

Well the time has come to make my retirement official. I will fulfill my contract for this year and retire on June 30, 2021. Simply put, I have enjoyed the chance to contribute to the OESU leadership process immensely. I have particularly enjoyed working with you, Emilie. I hold great admiration for the way you approach your responsibilities as Superintendent and hope that circumstances allow you and your staff to continue the significant progress underway.

Our schools are populated by dedicated teachers, and young scholars who each day try hard to prepare themselves for the future. There are smiles and caring galore, and hopefully soon, plenty of hugs as well. All our schools present environments of purpose, collaboration, and optimism. The leadership of dedicated teachers and our extraordinarily talented Principal's group are making a very positive difference in the lives of our students. They are ably assisted by a remarkable support staff. I would like to especially commend the office staff members in the schools who I've become so fond of and who make their school environments so welcoming to students.

At the SU level, you have pulled together a superior team that works hard, helps each other and genuinely enjoys the process of envisioning an even more productive future. You are providing direction, support and vision for us all. As they say in the NBA (had to have a bball metaphor), we are really beginning to "play with force", in other words our talent is increasingly applied to an aligned vision. With all of this, the educational horizon of the children in our schools can expand. Good luck to you and all in the organization. It's been a pleasure.

Over the years, I've had the pleasure of working with close to one hundred school board members in New Hampshire and Vermont, none better than the current OESU board and its constituent boards. Their unselfish motivation, diligent work ethic and care for their students and constituents are of the highest order. I feel like the desire to work together in the mutual interest of our communities is growing and will serve our students increasingly well as collaboration continues to grow.

I'm off to building stone walls, furniture, timber frames, etc. Oh, and hopefully soon, to Montana for lengthy stays. I hope any and all will consider a visit when circumstances allow.

Sincerely,



Bruce Williams