



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** March 12, 2019

**STATEMENT OF COMMISSIONER MICHAEL FISHER, ON  
BEHALF OF BURLINGTON VT. SCHOOL BOARD**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I AM THE CLERK OF THE BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD AND SERVED AS PRESIDING OFFICER FOR THE BOARD WITH REGARD TO MARIO MACIAS' APPEAL FROM THE FEBRUARY 22 DECISION OF SUPERINTENDENT YAW OBENG SUSPENDING MR. MACIAS FROM HIS ADMINISTRATIVE AND TEACHING DUTIES AT THE BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHICH APPEAL WAS HEARD LAST EVENING, MARCH 11, 2019, AT CHAMPLAIN SCHOOL.

AFTER CONSIDERATION OF THE EVIDENCE AND TESTIMONY PRESENTED AT SUCH APPEAL HEARING, THE SCHOOL BOARD VOTED 10-0 IN OPEN SESSION TO DISCHARGE MR. MACIAS FROM HIS EMPLOYMENT WITH THE DISTRICT, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. IT ALSO INSTRUCTED ITS COUNSEL TO PREPARE A WRITTEN DECISION SETTING FORTH THE BOARD'S DECISION AND THE RATIONALE SUPPORTING IT. THIS DOCUMENT WILL ALSO BE MADE PUBLIC AS SOON AS IT IS COMPLETED, REVIEWED BY THE BOARD AND EXECUTED BY ME AS PRESIDING OFFICER. AT THIS TIME, THE BOARD INTENDS TO MAKE NO FURTHER STATEMENT REGARDING THIS MATTER.

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