

My name is Mohamedou Diop, known to many people by **Mohamed** as one of the shortened versions of Mohamedou. I am currently the Director of Multilingual Learner Programs at Winooski School District, a Champlain Valley Educator Development Center (CVEDC) Board Member, and a Vermont State Board of Education Member. I am a very respectful leader/human being, knowledgeable, observant, and a great listener who provides constructive feedback; it has never been the state of my way or the highway. I am open to learning even more, and I value different perspectives.

I am originally from Mauritania, North West Africa; nowadays, I am an American citizen and I call Vermont home. Before I arrived in the United States of America, I taught French and English as a second language and was also a school administrator. I worked for the U.S. Embassy as a French instructor. I also worked as a translator and an interpreter from French to English and vice versa for many organizations such as the Washington Post, the United Nations, the World Food Program, the Mauritanian Government, etc. As an educator, my proudest accomplishment among many is having worked effectively with my colleagues and mentored many students from different parts of the world, some of whom have already graduated from college and are in the workforce. Running into some of those former students and getting a phone call or an email from them gives me a joy I can hardly describe!

Here's a quote about me from one of my colleagues from Winooski School District:

***"We are thrilled to welcome Mohamedou into this important Leadership role. As an educational leader, Mohamed has exceptional credentials and extensive experience. He also brings his multicultural background, which will provide valuable insight into the cultures of the students we serve,"***

said Kate Grodin, WMHS Co-Principal.

Education is essential to me because it helps us understand our world and navigate it better. Through education, we can also better understand and respect each other. I'll continue to build upon this belief while I serve on the Vermont Council On World Affairs Board of Directors. I also intend to work closely with all Vermont Council On World Affairs Board Directors and any stakeholders we collaborate with to overcome challenges we might run into and celebrate our accomplishments.

Thank you, Vermont Council On World Affairs, for welcoming me to your team. I am ready and excited to join you as a Board Director. I also extend my gratitude to everyone involved in the Vermont Council On World Affairs' essential work to better our world, and I am thrilled to be a part of this incredible journey.

Sincerely,

Mohamed Diop

