



**School Administrative Unit #6**  
**Serving Claremont and Unity, NH**  
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**Title: Superintendent of New Hampshire School Administrative Unit 6 (SAU 6)**

**Salary: \$110,000-\$130,000; based upon qualifications and experience.**

**Starting Date: July 1, 2019.**

**Application Deadline: January 15, 2019.**

School Administrative Unity (SAU) #6 is comprised of the communities of Claremont and Unity located within the Connecticut River valley in western New Hampshire. Our communities enjoy close proximity to the mountains of Vermont and New Hampshire providing numerous opportunities for skiing, hiking, biking and other outdoor adventures, along with the many nearby lakes and the Connecticut River available for boating, fishing and Nordic skating. The historic mill-town of Claremont is undergoing a renaissance with many new stores, restaurants and businesses rejuvenating the downtown and surrounding area, and both communities offer many community and school-sponsored events, as well as theatre, concerts and sports activities.

SAU #6 plays a vital role in the Claremont and Unity communities providing the link between the needs of families to educate their children and those of businesses to recruit and employ well-educated and successful leaders and employees. To fill these needs for both families and our communities, SAU #6 strives to “revolutionize education in Claremont and Unity; one student at a time, whatever it takes” by inspiring self-driven excellence for all stakeholders through rigorous curricula and effective, home-school-community partnerships. Emphasis is placed on developing individual strengths and goals in a safe and supportive environment where all students will learn, grow and become contributing members of our society.

The Claremont School District maintains three elementary schools, a middle school, high school and a regional technical center that is run in partnership with one in Newport, NH. Additionally, the district operates a Preschool and an Adult Learning Center. The Unity School District (population 1,605) maintains a pre-K – 8 school that serves approximately 100 students and provides the focal point for many community activities. Students entering high school from Unity may elect to attend any high school in the area. Typically, high school students choose Stevens High School in Claremont, Newport Middle High School in Newport, or Fall Mountain Regional High School in Langdon. The total student population in SAU #6 is 1857 students with an average per pupil expenditure of \$16,852. School-specific information can be found at [www.sau6.org](http://www.sau6.org).

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Cory LeClair, Assistant Superintendent

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Claremont is the largest community within a 30 mile radius and serves as a retail and professional hub for the region. Claremont is equally distanced, approximately 30 miles, from Dartmouth College and Keene State College. Both rural and suburban in nature, the city is a mixture of light industrial and residential areas.

Unity is located to the southeast of Claremont in Sullivan County and includes the villages of East Unity, Quaker City, and West Unity. Unity supports many local businesses but is also considered to be a bedroom town for other nearby communities in the Upper Valley of Vermont and New Hampshire.

#### **SAU 6 Strengths:**

- Dedicated teachers and administration
- Strong community support with an emphasis on school/community communication
- Competency and Standards Based Curriculum with Curriculum Specialists dedicated K-12
- Student-centered and data driven decision making
- A strong commitment to providing professional development, mentoring and support to teachers and staff.

#### **SAU #6 Challenges:**

- State aid has decreased over the past two years resulting in the highest tax rate in NH and a budget that has barely kept pace with inflation.
- Teacher retention is low resulting in difficulty in filling positions.

#### **Preferred Leadership Skills, Personal Qualities and Areas of Expertise:**

We are looking for a candidate who demonstrates integrity, empathy, and a student-centered approach. We would prefer someone who has worked at multiple school levels, with experience in a low-income community. Other demonstrated areas of experience should include:

- Team-building with faculty and staff to form effective collaborations
- Revitalizing a challenged school or district
- Working with a tight budget
- A distinguished record of improving student performance and educational leadership that emphasizes curriculum, instruction and assessment

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Our next district leader will be:

- An effective communicator who engages the community in an authentic manner
- An effective staff developer and team builder
- A motivator with a clear and compelling vision for SAU #6's success and an educational visionary.
- A self-confident problem solver and decision maker with the courage to do the right thing for students and the SAU in the face of a range of challenges
- A visible leader who is accessible and approachable, is regularly present within the schools and community and will become an integral part of Claremont and Unity communities.

**General qualification requirements** (with verifiable evidence):

- Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies (CAGS) and/or Doctorate
- Five or more years of experience as a school principal and/or district level administrator
- Superintendent certification or eligibility for certification in New Hampshire

**Application Requirements:**

- Letter of interest
- Resume
- Three current (within the last six months) letters of reference
- Verification of degrees and certifications

For further information please visit our website at [www.sau6.org](http://www.sau6.org). If you have questions regarding this position, please contact the SAU #6 School Board Chair:

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