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**Joint Burlington School Board / Burlington Education Association
Mediation Statement**

Today, the Burlington School Board and the Burlington Education Association entered into the mediation process. The parties negotiated for seven hours.

During the day, the mediator met with both parties to review and discuss proposals related to compensation, health care, and operational issues.

Although no definitive agreement was reached today, the mediator assigned both parties the task of developing alternatives to their current positions. These will be taken up on May 31st when mediation will reconvene. The parties also agreed to use the mediator as a fact-finder in the event that agreement is not reached by May 31.

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