

**State Board of Education
December 20, 2011
Item E**

Team: Deputy Commissioner's Office

Discussion Topic: ESEA Flexibility Waiver Request

Alignment with Goals: State Board and Department of Education Strategic Plan

Background Information:

The culmination of the work to date conducted by the Vermont ESEA Waiver Proposal Design Team will be reviewed. Documents include the Executive Summary, the Proposal Plan Draft, a High Level Work Plan and a summary of the Evidence of Work Done to Date in Principles 1, 2 & 3, and a general timeline for the phase of the project leading to proposal submission. An overview of the work and plan will be provided to the board by Deputy Commissioner Knopf and representative superintendents. Observations, comments and questions about the plan will be discussed. Deputy Commissioner Knopf will summarize stakeholder feedback to date, and stakeholder representatives will be given an opportunity to comment directly to the board if so desired. The outcome of the discussion is to leave the meeting with approval to proceed as planned, including clear direction from the board, on areas that need clarification or revision if indicated.

Staff Available: Rae Ann Knopf, Deputy Commissioner; Lynne Eyberg, Project Manager; Representatives from the VSA