

State Board of Education
January 17, 2012
Item F

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Montpelier, Vermont**

TEAM: Commissioner’s Office; Education Transformation & Innovation Teams

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education vote to accept/endorse the current draft plan for the ESEA Flexibility Waiver to be submitted on or before February 22, 2012, and authorize the commissioner to negotiate any necessary adjustments to the plan prior to final submission and during the Peer Review Process?

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education vote to accept/endorse the current draft plan for the ESEA Flexibility Waiver to be submitted on or before February 22, 2012, and authorize the commissioner to negotiate any necessary adjustments to the plan prior to final submission and during the Peer Review Process.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 16. V.S.A. §164

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

At its meeting on December 20, the Board voted to support the concepts as developed by the Flexibility Waiver Design Team, which will come before the Board for the final vote in January. In follow-up to the meeting’s discussion, Design Team members made adjustments to the draft in the following areas and migrated the Executive Summary and Revised Draft Plan to the actual ESEA Flexibility application template:

- Kindergarten Readiness
- Progress Monitoring
- High School Assessment
- Differentiated School Improvement and Support

COST IMPLICATIONS: To be determined.

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