



State of Vermont
Vermont Department of Education
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MEMORANDUM

To: Vermont Supervisory Union/District Superintendents
From: Armando Vilaseca, Commissioner
Re: District Support for Local Standards Boards (LSB)
Date: February 3, 2010

A survey was conducted last summer by the Educator Quality Division regarding the variety of district supports received by LSBs across the State. The survey results indicated while many LSBs received substantial support from their individual districts, other LSBs received very little support and recognition. The work done by these individuals on behalf of their districts and colleagues is immense and immeasurable. Relicensing is an integral component of an educator's professional practice and a requirement for all districts.

Therefore, I am requesting that all superintendents actively support their district LSBs by granting the basic supports such as: provide time at in-service meetings and individual school faculty meetings to present relicensure procedures/updates and regard LSB service as district committee work to considering more substantial supports such as release time with substitute coverage during the school year.

In the coming year before you sign the *Agreement of District Support* for your district's LSB, I urge you to initiate a conversation with the LSB regarding district support and let them know of your personal support for all the important work done by the LSB members.