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ESSA State Plan: Recommendation Form

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Question(s) being considered: How will VT meet the ESSA requirement that we have an LEA report card?		
What ESSA requirements need to be met?: ESSA requires LEA report cards, and states that this report card should include a concise description of the accountability system, goals, performance indicators, and the respective weights of those indicators.		
Solution being proposed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vermont intends to have the Education Quality Review (EQR) Annual Snapshot also serve as our LEA report card, under ESSA. See Decision Points 1-7 for more information on the draft accountability measures under review by the AOE at this time. See Decision Points 23-24 (in development as of 9/12/16) for more information on the respective weighting of indicators. 		
Rationale: Explain why your proposal supports each decision logic element below: <i>Equity:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The performance measures being considered for inclusion within the Annual Snapshot (and being recommended here for inclusion within an LEA report card) are designed to help identify equity gaps, and to launch conversations about resulting systems change and reform. <i>Alignment with current VT policy and practice:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allowing the EQR Annual Snapshot to double as an ESSA-required LEA report card would ensure alignment between VT and federal policy, and would eliminate any duplicative systems resulting from separate state and federally-driven representations of school performance. <i>Efficiency (streamlining processes, eliminating duplicative systems or requirements):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> See above: alignment. <i>Possibility (implementation feasibility for the AOE and impacted stakeholders):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This recommendation would create no new implementation burden for the state. 		
Identify any known or potential risks associated with your proposed solution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no risks associated with this proposed solution. 		
What are the expected benefits associated with your proposed solution?: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued alignment with Vermont policy, priorities, and practice Continued implementation of a set of high quality, Common Core-aligned learning standards 		
Secretary's Decision	Date: 9/23/16	Initials:
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Confirm recommendation of ESSA State Plan Management Team <input type="checkbox"/> Reject recommendation of ESSA State Plan Management Team and offer the following as an alternative:		