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MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, BEST/Act 230 Coordinators, Directors of Special Education, Curriculum Coordinators, Principals
FROM: Debbie Lesure, Assistant Division Director, ISL; Karin Edwards, Division Director, ISL
SUBJECT: Agency of Education
DATE: June 15, 2016

Rebecca Holcombe, Secretary of Education, has designated implementation of evidence based practices that support positive school climate, student proficiency, and personalization within a tiered system of academic and behavioral supports to assist all students in working toward attainment of the standards as the priority area for use of Act 230 funds for FY 17.

The Vermont Agency of Education's Integrated Support for Learning Division is pleased to announce the application process for FY 17 BEST/Act 230 Grants. Each Vermont supervisory union/district may apply for BEST/Act 230 funds up to \$6,500.00 for the designated purposes plus an additional amount of up to \$5,000.00 for the purpose of PBIS Implementation Coaching.

Approvable costs for these funds are: Professional learning activities that support implementation of the Education Quality Standards (EQS), evidence based practices in multi-tiered system of supports, school climate, student proficiency, and personalization. This includes costs for professional learning events in the Vermont Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (VTPBIS) and BEST Professional Development Calendar SY 2016-17 posted on the VTPBiS website at www.pbisvermont.org locate the information on the Bulletin Board.

- Approvable costs include registration for professional learning, trainer fees, training materials, mileage, lodging, meals and data collection/reporting system licenses (e.g. SWIS).
- Not approvable are requests such as funds for school-wide outings, curricular materials or school supplies, and salaries. Staff time, stipends, and substitute costs are not approvable, but may be used as the 50% in-kind costs assumed by the applicant.

BEST/Act 230 including the Innovation Grant will be found in Grantium at <https://grants.vermont.gov/vermont/frontOffice.jsf>. Applications MUST be submitted on or before October 1, 2016. No grant activities can occur before the grant application is approved. Activities funded by this grant must be completed by June 30, 2017. No funds can be carried over from year to year. If you have questions, please email Sabine Baldwin at sabine.baldwin@vermont.gov.