

## **VSBPPE**

**Date: March 28, 2024**

**Item: Middlebury Postbac Modern and Classical Language Program  
ROPA Review Team**

**ITEM:** Shall the VSBPE approve the team for the ROPA review of VTSU's CTE teacher preparation program which is scheduled for July 28-30, 2024?

### **AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the VSBPE approve the team for the ROPA review of Middlebury's Postbac Modern and Classical Language Program which is scheduled for July 15-16, 2024.**

### **BACKGROUND:**

Middlebury submitted an application for a new program review of their postbac Modern and Classical Languages program; it was approved by the VSBPE on November 29, 2023.

### **PROPOSED TEAM:**

**Ellen Emery** will represent the educator preparation program field. Ellen is the director of the Teacher Apprenticeship Program (TAP) at Champlain College and a former Spanish teacher, as well as the current chair of the Program Approval Committee of the VSBPE.

**Matt Foster** received his bachelor's and master's degrees in education as well as an MBA from Illinois State University, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies from the University of Illinois. He is currently the principal of Craftsbury School, and was the principal of Wolcott Elementary School prior to that. Matt was recently hired to be the superintendent of Caledonia Central Supervisory Union.

**Steven Berbeco** received his bachelor's degree from Wesleyan University and holds master's degrees in linguistics from Indiana University and Harvard University, and an M.A.T. and Ed.D. from Boston University, as well as a Graduate Certificate from the University of Connecticut. Steven is currently the editor of 802 Ed, and of Foreign Language in America, and is licensed in Social Studies, English, Principal, Superintendent, and Modern and Classical Languages-Arabic.

**Kate Fay** will represent the VSBPE. Kate received her bachelor's and master's degrees from UVM, and is an elementary teacher at Richmond Elementary School.

**Ellen Cairns** will represent the Agency of Education as the ROPA Coordinator.