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Dear VSBPE,

TAP will try to be present on **Aug 13, 2024** to discuss the following requests for consideration:

We hope that the VSBPE will consider and approve the following items related to TAP's ROPA- approved *Adding an Endorsement* program:

- 1) Literacy Specialist endorsement: We'd like to work with teacher **Sloan Weinberg**, to complete our Adding an Endorsement program to secure her literacy specialist endorsement. Sloan is entering her fourth year working in this role, and her Provisional license is good through June 2025. She has a Master's Degree in K-12 Reading, and she has 29 years in education with a Level II VT license in Elementary Education. While we don't normally recommend this endorsement, with her experience and advanced degree, this is a perfect fit for our Personalized Learning Plan (PLP) program, where Sloan would work with TAP and a mentor to document evidence to support the endorsement competencies.
- 2) CTE candidate: We would also like to use this Adding an Endorsement path to support TAP alumnus, **Sam Lapointe**, who completed middle level social studies and English endorsements last year. He was a film major and needs to add a 5440-17 Career Technical Education Arts and Communication endorsement to teach Film at Randolph Technical Center where he has been hired on a Provisional License. The program director, Nika Oakes is eager to support this opportunity for her new hire. As part of the program, we would hire a mentor, observe and record Sam's practice, provide feedback and support his work on a PLP to provide evidence of the endorsement competencies.
- 3) CTE culinary endorsement: We have a fall 2024 TAP Family and Consumer Science (FACS) candidate who will be working at Brattleboro Union High School. **Elizabeth Rosenberg** was a professional chef and would like her to obtain her CTE culinary endorsement for possible future employment. If we can secure a 60 hour practicum in CTE, in addition to her FACS practicum, can we recommend her for that endorsement, as well?
- 4) Driver Education: We have been working with George Rooney, from Middlebury High School, on pathways to Driver Education endorsements, and we'd like to work with him and other Driver Education advocates to **pilot** this program to add that endorsement to meet the needs of Vermont schools.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Emery, TAP Director