

**VSBPE**

**Date: May 8, 2019**

**Item: Revision of Rule 5440-66 – School Psychologist**

**ITEM: Shall the VSBPE adopt the revised Rule 5440-66 – School Psychologist for the proposed 2019 Rules revision?**

**AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators adopts the revised version of Rule 5440-66 School Psychologist authorization statement to remove the language, “NCSP status does not supersede the requirement to have a passing score on the PRAXIS Core exam.”**

**BACKGROUND: At the Spring 2019 VSBPE meetings discussions regarding whether the endorsement School Psychologist (66) would be considered a teaching endorsement were addressed and it was decided to keep the School Psychologist endorsement as a non-teaching endorsement per Rule 5150.**

**RATIONALE:**

- A Nationally Certified School Psychologist (NCSP) shall be considered to have fulfilled all of the Knowledge and Performance Standards and all Additional Requirements for licensure as a School Psychologist in Vermont. *NCSP status does not supersede the requirement to have a passing score on the PRAXIS Core exam.* The following delineates the knowledge, skills and services available from school psychologists:
- The italicized language in the authorization statement for School Psychologist is in direct conflict with Rule 5246.1 – Exemptions for Praxis Core Testing.