**Education Quality Team**

***Staff Report for 14 October 2021***

***From the Education Quality Division: Patrick Halladay, Education Quality Director***

In terms of licensing and education preparation accreditation, it has been a relatively quiet month. We have received several applications for the special education temporary provisional waiver supported by the Standards Board. Ron will provide a full update at the board meeting.

We have moved forward in our hiring process for the pre-service coordinator. By the time of our meeting, we will have interviewed two of the four finalists. If all goes according to plan, we will be able to make an offer to a candidate by the end of the week of 18 October.

We continue to see substantial need in the field in staffing needs. There appears to be a pinch in all endorsement areas; some, though, have been operating closer to their margins than others and are particularly in need. This has an echo effect of shortages in paraeducator and substitute positions. We are involved in multiple conversations to address both the immediate need and the systemic challenge.

***From the Education Quality Division: Ron Ryan, Education Programs Manager***

Provisionals have started to slow down however we continue to get Special Education Waiver Provisional applications from school districts based on the action of the VSBPE Board and we are continuing to receive ECE Provisionals for private preschools. Thanks to many in the licensing department for printing out and mailing out hardcopy of licenses that have been backlogged due to the pandemic.

L/RSBs: September reminders were sent to L/RSBs who had yet to submit an Annual Report and/or Grant Application. 48 Grant Agreements/48 Grant Applications received have been completed and forwarded to the AOE Finance Office. All Grant Agreements have been e-mailed to SU/SD Business Managers for e-signatures by the AOE Finance Office. To date, 43/48have been e-signed and returned to the AOE.

All L/RSBs were sent a 2022 renewal list for the educators in the individual SD/SU/school. Each list is only as valid as the employment section of an educator’s profile on the day the list was created and sent to the Board.

Only six 2021 renewals remain Under Review for this renewal cycle.

Deb Giles continues to address questions and concerns from L/RSBs and educators mostly regarding licensure.

Current Work Queue per application type as of 10-6-2021: *Applications in the work queue are in various stages of processing from just received to waiting for payment from applicant.*

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| Application Type | Total |
| Initial | 111 |
| Reinstatement | 19 |
| Renewal | 6 |
| Retired | 0 |
| Temporary | 65 |
| 1 Yr. Temporary – extenuating circumstance | 3 |
| Transcript Review – Initial | 47 |
| Transcript Review – Add endorsement | 53 |
| Peer Review - Initial | 88 |
| Peer Review – Add endorsement | 21 |