

**Education Quality Team
Staff Report for 19 of October 2023**

Updates:

Our new hire Katie Gagliardo has been working hard to get up to speed on all the different licensing processes, policies, procedures and protocols. She is currently working with Suzanne Sprague on preparing for the VSBPE meetings.

Currently Andrew Prowten is working to fill 3 more vacancies in our division. One is replacing Ryan McCormick, Peer Review Coordinator and Andrew's former position. The third position is a new grant funded position.

Approved Substitute Rule 5382 long-term sub 30 student days and an additional 30 days for Missisquoi Valley.

Approved Substitute Rule 5382 long-term sub 30 additional days for Rutland Northeast SU.

Special Education Provisional Waivers:

Currently we have 82 applications in process for the 2023-2024 school year.

That represents about 30 SU'S/SD'S/Private schools who have submitted applications. The breakdown of instructional levels is below:

82 Special Education Waiver Provisional applications submitted.

55 of the applications represent Grades K through Age 21 Special Education

14 of the applications represent Grades K through 8 Special Education

10 of the applications represent Grades 7 through Age 21 Special Education

3 of the applications represent Birth through Age 6 Early Childhood Education.

3 applications closed.

Ellen Cairns Update:

From ROPA, a word about Annual Reports: the Annual Reports are due from all approved programs by June 15. They are a way of tracking the number of completers reported by each program, broken down into endorsement areas. They also document non-completers; that is, those from a cohort who did not receive a recommendation for licensure, and the reason why the candidates did not receive a recommendation. The vast majority of non-completers were due to Praxis II- some did not pass; some were still waiting for results.

The Annual Reports also include information on how programs are keeping up to date on any endorsement revisions or other changes to Statute, Rule, or Policy that affect them. There have been minimal changes in the last few years, so the reports have been very straightforward.

The reports this year include an extra section for any completers who showed mastery of basic skills via coursework rather than Praxis Core. Most programs had not started to offer that option yet; there were two candidates from SMC and one from VTC that were recommended using that measure.

All programs submitted satisfactory annual reports this summer with the exception of Spark and UVM. The ROPA Coordinator has reached out to the licensure officers from those programs and expects to have their reports soon.

Deb Giles October 2023 Update:

L/RSBs: A September and October reminder were emailed to the remaining LSB which has yet to submit an Annual Report. Currently 60/61 Boards have submitted an Annual Report for 2022-2023.

An October 2023 L/RSB Newsletter was emailed to all Board Chairs in early October. Reminders regarding the online system, reasons for delays, and news of the new online vendor were shared with the Boards. Chairs were also asked to distribute the newsletter to all Board members.

All LSB 2024 Renewal lists have been emailed to LSB Chairs and Co-Chairs. RSBs have been emailed to see if they would like renewal lists for their corresponding SU/SDs. Each list is only as valid as the employment section of an educator's profile on the day the list is created. Boards were notified of conflicting email addresses in their respective lists.

The teachers of the new Lincoln Supervisory District will continue to be served by the Mount Abraham LSB. This departure from the norm was agreed to the Mount Abraham LSB, Superintendent, and Business Manager. The Lincoln LSB representative has served for years on the Mount Abraham LSB. The administrators of the new Lincoln SD will continue to be served by the Champlain Valley RSB and will need to appoint a representative to the RSB. The final number of administrators has not yet been determined – currently there are two.

The Grants Management System (the new process for L/RSB Grants) is nearing completion. When complete, grant allotments will be emailed to each respective Board. A new set of directions still needs to be created to accompany the individual allotments.

The Licensing Division continues to process 2022 (1) and 2023 (approximately 25) renewals. All renewals have been reviewed and the status of remaining renewals is either awaiting payment or under review (on hold while waiting for a Criminal Record Check Report).

Deb continues to address L/RSB and SU/SD questions and concerns, along with questions from individual educators. Along with other members of the Licensing Team, she participates in a weekly meeting with the new vendor towards development of the new online licensing system.

Current Work Queue per application type as of 10-6-2023: *Applications in the work queue are in various stages of processing from just received to waiting for payment from applicant.*

Application Type	Total
Initial	119
Reinstatement	27
Renewal	27
Retired	0
Temporary	242
1 Yr. Temporary – extenuating circumstance	5
Transcript Review – Initial	36
Transcript Review – Add endorsement	49
Peer Review - Initial	120
Peer Review – Add endorsement	27