

**Education Quality Team
Staff Report for 14 of September 2023**

Updates:

We are happy to report we have hired Katie Gagliardo to replace Amy Scalabrini. She started on September 11th.

Currently our division is working on filling two more vacancies replacing Ryan McCormick, Peer Review Coordinator and Andrew Prowten's former position.

Special Education Provisional Waivers:

Currently we have 75 applications for 2023-2024 school year. In May, toward the end of the year. I reported to you we had 61 applications for the 2022-23 school year. We have already surpassed those numbers for this school year's opening. I expect that number to grow as the school year moves forward.

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

75 Special Education Waiver Provisional applications submitted.

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

11 of the applications represent Grades K through 8 Special Education

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

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

1 application closed.

September 2023 Update:

L/RSBs: An August reminder was emailed to all L/RSBs which had yet to submit an Annual Report. Currently 60/61 Boards have submitted an Annual Report for 2022-2023. A September reminder will be emailed to the remaining LSB.

All L/RSB membership lists have been updated in the database and verified with Board Chairs. Changes to membership continue throughout the year and updates are continually made. Employment types L/RSBs will serve has also been updated in the database based on responses from the Annual Report. A list of employment types has been created to be posted on the website along with names and contact information of L/RSB Chairs.

A list of Vermont Independent Special Education Schools has been updated and is ready to be posted on the AOE website.

Grant allotments for each L/RSB are ready to be sent to Boards once the new grant system is ready. A new set of directions will need to be created to accompany the individual allotments.

Our seasonal employee, Walter Earle, has now left the AOE until the next renewal season and Deb has picked up the remaining 2023 renewals from Walter's queue. All renewals have been reviewed and the status of the 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.

Current Work Queue per application type as of 9-7-2023: *Applications in the work queue are in various stages of processing from just received to waiting for payment from applicant.*

Application Type	Total
Initial	205
Reinstatement	34

Renewal	67
Retired	2
Temporary	304
1 Yr. Temporary – extenuating circumstance	10
Transcript Review – Initial	53
Transcript Review – Add endorsement	36
Peer Review - Initial	110
Peer Review – Add endorsement	24