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## **Springfield School District**

### **Grant Summary:**

The Flexible Pathways Work-Based Learning grant will assist Springfield School District in creating the Southern Vermont Work-Based Learning Collaborative, which will design and align programs with the needs of the businesses and the overall labor needs of the area and seek to address skill deficits in order to prepare students for a seamless transition into the workplace.

### **Work to Date:**

In Spring 2017, a collaborative steering committee was formed with public school educators and WBL coordinators throughout the region, as well as representatives from southern Vermont region Workforce Investment Board, Community College of Vermont, Department of Labor, Vocational Rehabilitation, Vermont Student Assistance Corporation, and the Vermont Agency of Education.

During its initial meetings the steering committee decided that the collaborative would welcome members from any region of the state and would rotate their meetings to focus on different themes, such as work-based learning, dual enrollment, PLPs, etc. Steering committee members visited a number of schools (e.g., Brattleboro UHS, Leland and Grey, Rutland, Hartford, Black River, Green Mountain, Bellows Falls) to learn about current initiatives and to spread the word about the collaborative that will official start up in Fall 2017.

If you would like to join the collaborative or hear more about its work, please contact Patty Davenport, Multiple Pathways Coordinator, Springfield School District, [pdavenport@ssdvt.org](mailto:pdavenport@ssdvt.org).