

Date: December 7, 2023

To: Vermont State Board of Education

From: Vermont Superintendents Association (VSA);

Chelsea Myers, Associate Executive Director

Re: Series 2000 -- Education Quality Standards Public Comment

My name is Chelsea Myers and I am the Associate Executive Director of the Vermont Superintendents Association and a former member of the Act 1 Working Group for the entirety of its duration.

I would like to draw your attention to VSA's October 15 formal public comment, which emphasized the importance of supporting the field with the implementation of this important work. With that context, I would like to request that the Education Quality Standards (EQS) Rule Update Committee consider creating a singular implementation date of July 1, 2025 rather than creating different implementation dates for specific segments of the rule series. This would support consistency in messaging and avoid confusion as administrators put their best foot forward in implementing these new rules.

Thank you.