AGENCY OF EDUCATION Montpelier, Vermont

TEAM: School Finance

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education acknowledge that an approved independent school

operating under the name Lyndon Educational Alternative Resources Network, Inc.

aka LEARN closed on June 30, 2021?

SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the State Board of Education acknowledges that an approved independent school operating under the name Lyndon Educational Alternative Resources Network, Inc. aka LEARN closed on June 30, 2021.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 16 V.S.A. § 166 (b)

State Board Rule 2228 et. seq.

BACKGROUND:

- 1. Lyndonville Educational Alternative Resources Network, Inc. (LEARN) started as a SBE approved tutorial in 2002. In February of 2003, LEARN was granted initial general education and special education independent school approval by the State Board of Education in the disability categories of Emotional Disturbance, Intellectual Disability, Specific Learning Disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and Other Health Impairment. The school sought renewal of independent school approval since that time.
- 2. LEARN was approved to serve a maximum of 20 students. Students attending LEARN were in need of specialized services in a self-contained classroom due to academic and emotional difficulties that interfered with their ability to function in a traditional school environment.
- 3. LEARN provided hybrid learning opportunities to the ten students enrolled from September to March of 2021. In March of 2021, three of the ten students withdrew from the school.
- 4. Agency of Education staff took possession of LEARN's student records on Wednesday, August 11, 2021. The 19 boxes of records are at the Agency.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: none

STAFF AVAILABLE:

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