

Hello Pat,

Thank you for sending the Site Review and Renewal. There are 2 edits that I see.

- Page 3 Governance first line - "comprised entirely of parents" Our Board also has members from the greater community.
- Page 4 Professional Staff - "2 are licensed in VT" is incorrect. We each have many credits toward our master's; one has been teaching for 35 years and the other for 8. I am not sure if you would like to include that.

If you have any questions, let me know.

I have attached the signed Addendum.

Thank you,

Coleen

On Wed, Aug 31, 2022 at 11:18 AM Pallas Gray, Pat <Pat.PallasGray@vermont.gov> wrote:

Hello,

The draft State Board of Education report and an addendum document are attached. By State Board rule, you have 30 days to review the report for accuracy purpose. If, however, you can review the report and send your response via email very soon—perhaps by Thursday, September 8--we are in hopes of getting the school's renewal request on the full State Board's September 28 agenda. If this isn't possible, please let me know and we will need to consider the request for renewal at the Board's meeting in October. Please do not make corrections to the actual draft report, just provide a list of any changes needed for accuracy purposes.

The new independent school process requires the draft reports to go to a State Board Subcommittee. At their meeting, they will want to speak to you briefly about the report and perhaps ask questions regarding your school; therefore, you will need to be available for a short time on the day/time they are meeting. Generally, it takes about 10 minutes or so.

The full State Board of Education meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2022. The Subcommittee of the State Board will introduce your school to the full Board at this meeting. Again, you will need to be available to speak to the full Board if they have questions.

You will be notified in advance about how to remotely connect to both the Subcommittee and full State Board meeting.

The addendum is a new document now required because of the independent school rules changing on May 10, 2022. Some of the changes went into effect immediately.

Looking forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Take care

Pat

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Addendum for Independent School Applications - 2022

The State Board of Education's (SBE) [Rule Series 2200, Independent School Program Approval](#), changes were recently finalized through the rulemaking process. While the bulk of amendments to Rule Series 2200 take effect concurrent with Act 173 on July 1, 2023, four sections of the rules take effect immediately on adoption, which is May 10, 2022. Those rule sections taking immediate effect are: Rule 2223 (Procedure), Rule 2224 (Reciprocity), Rule 2226 (Application) and Rule 2227 (Approval).

Each entity seeking initial approval or renewal of approval is required to affirm compliance with Rule Series 2200 provisions that were not in effect at the time of application. This addendum document contains the four (4) additional assurances and must be signed by the Head of School. Upon submission to the AOE, your signed addendum will be attached to your application.

1. The school complies with the Vermont Public Accommodations Act (Title 9 Vermont Statutes Annotated, Chapter 141) in all aspects of the school's admissions and operations.
2. The school's facilities meet all applicable State and federal requirements.
3. The school complies with the requirements of 16 V.S.A. § 255 relating to criminal record checks and checks of the Child Protection Registry and the Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation Registry.
4. The school has adopted a policy on record maintenance and retention that, at minimum, provides for the timely and confidential disposition of student records in the event of the school's closure.

Head of School: by signing below, I hereby affirm I am an authorized officer or administrator of the applying independent school, affirm that this school meets the statutory conditions contained herein, and this statement is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Head of School: *Aulu P. Heagy* Date: *9.5.2022*

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Name of School: *Southshire Community School*

