

**AGENCY OF EDUCATION
Barre, Vermont**

TEAM: School Finance

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education acknowledge that Valley Vista's H.O.P.E. Program in Vergennes, VT, is not going to open as planned and wants to have its tutorial approval rescinded?

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the State Board of Education rescinds the initial tutorial approval granted on January 19, 2016 to Valley Vista's H.O.P.E. Program in Vergennes, VT, because the program is not going to open and Valley Vista has requested this action.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 16 V.S.A. §828

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. Valley Vista requested initial tutorial approval to operate a new residential program in Vergennes called H.O.P.E. for adolescents and young adults learning to cope with their previously diagnosed mental health stressors/behaviors. On January 19, 2016, the State Board of Education granted initial tutorial approval to this program for two years, though June 30, 2018.
2. The Agency of Education was contacted in mid-February by the Adolescent and Family Services Coordinator at Valley Vista. The Coordinator said that a decision was made by the CEO of Valley Vista to shift the emphasis of the H.O.P.E. program in Vergennes from serving adolescents to adults, thus negating the need to have an approved tutorial.

COST IMPLICATIONS: none

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