

A Resolution on Equitable, Efficient and Effective Educational Reform in Vermont

Vermont State Board of Education

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WHEREAS, universal access to pre-school (Act 166) is one of the most effective and cost-efficient educational reforms and is vital to the healthy growth and development of youth, and

WHEREAS, flexible pathways is an important incentive to encourage enrollment in post-secondary education, assist students fulfill their ambitions, and to advance the economy, and

WHEREAS, the implementation of the pre-school law has had the unintended consequence of being disqualizing and does not sufficiently address the needs of our less advantaged children, and

WHEREAS the dual enrollment law has likewise had unintended side effects which results in not sustaining long-range benefits to our neediest children, and

WHEREAS, without immediate actions, the inequities will become institutionalized resulting in thwarted opportunities for children and harm to the state's society and common good, and

WHEREAS, while schools enjoy advantageous staffing patterns, the state has over-extended its limited support capacity thereby threatening the viability of all initiatives

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Vermont State Board of Education requests the General Assembly to immediately address and resolve the structured inequities in these laws, and

Be it further resolved,

That this action be prioritized by the appropriate committees of the General Assembly, and

Be it further resolved

That new initiatives beyond these areas and Act 46 be postponed.

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