

**AGENCY OF EDUCATION
Montpelier, Vermont**

TEAM: School Finance

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education acknowledge that an approved tutorial that operated under the name of Vermont Assessment Center at Newbury House in Wells River, VT closed on August 31, 2020 and is no longer an approved tutorial in VT?

SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the State Board of Education acknowledges that an approved tutorial that operated under the name of Vermont Assessment Center at Newbury House in Wells River, VT closed on August 31, 2020 and is no longer an approved tutorial in VT.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 16 V.S.A. §828
State Board Rule 2230

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. In August 2016, the Department for Children and Families (DCF) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) released a Request for Proposal (RFP) seeking to create a short-term residential assessment program to serve male youth. Educational services in the 90-day program, 60 days for assessment and 30 days for transition, would be provided through a tutorial program. Youth would be referred to the tutorial by DCF or DMH after receiving review and clearance by the Agency of Human Services' (AHS) Case Review Committee. Becket Family of Services was the only entity to respond to the RFP.
2. Vermont Assessment Center at Newbury House (VACN) opened and received initial tutorial approval on February 20, 2019 to serve male youth. VACN was also licensed by the Division for Children and Families (DCF) as a residential treatment facility.
3. In September of 2020, the Agency of Education was notified that the Vermont Assessment Center at Newbury House closed on August 31, 2020.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: none

STAFF AVAILABLE:

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