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Dear Fellow Members of the VSBPE,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying this season of rebirth and renewal. As an old friend of mine tells out-of-staters, "Come to Vermont in April or May; we have more shades of green in the spring than we have colors in the fall." Let us hope we have sunny skies for our travels to Barre on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, when we gather at the Agency of Education for our next meeting.

While April showers do bring May flowers, they have not brought many waiver requests our way. As a result, we do not anticipate an overly long meeting and fully expect to adjourn before the onset of rush hour traffic.

Following our routine business items, we will have a discussion in response to a request by the folks at UVM's Early Childhood Education Program. After voting on the proposed change in a testing requirement, we will have time for a waiver request, then move into committee work.

As you can see on the agenda, the Professional Standards Committee and the Licensing Committee will meet together to discuss two significant matters, while the Program Approval Committee works on a full slate of items which will require discussions and votes.

After hearing committee reports and voting on motions, we will discuss the *Education Week* article about a study examining the effectiveness of the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA). After lunch, we will continue our discussion about making accommodations for licensed New York educators who pursue careers in Vermont.

Sincerely,

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