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To: Tinney, Donald
Subject: Work Based Learning Endorsement

Hi Donald,

How are you? I hope this email finds you well. My name is Mallery Daudelin and I am the new Cooperative Education Coordinator at Green Mountain Technology and Career Center. I was give your information from Patti Coultas.

I reached out to Patti yesterday because I am at a roadblock right now with the AOE and the Work Based Learning Endorsement. She then gave me your information, as she thinks you would be the correct person to talk to about where I stand.

I currently hold a Level II teaching license in Vermont with endorsements in Business Education and Career and Technical Education. I also have a bachelor's degree in business and a masters degree in curriculum and instruction. I have taught business education courses for the past 7 years and then recently stepped in to the position of Cooperative Education Coordinator. This last fall I enrolled in the Work Based Learning course offered through Castleton University. This was the course that the AOE paid Bill Sugarman to create. Now that I am done with this course, I can easily complete the Transcript Review Worksheet provided by the AOE (see attachment for my Transcript Review).

However, after speaking with the AOE, they are informing me that I need to take an additional 18-21 credit hours in WBL or go through the Peer Review Process. After speaking my director, and Bill Sugarman, they both informed that the Peer Review process is costly and not necessary. I have also asked several times what the courses for the WBL endorsement are, but instead was told I should contact individual Teacher Preparation Programs to inquire about what is offered. From my findings, I have only found two courses offered in WBL in the state of NY and their course description is the exact same as the course I already took through Castleton. Patti also provided me with two courses offered through SUNY Oswego. Again, these courses match the course offered here in VT.

The reason Patti informed me to reach out to you is because she believed it was not the VT Standards Board of Professional Educators intention to make a WBL candidate take and addition 18 new credit hours if they can show the knowledge and skills through previous course work they have taken in their educational career.

I am currently trying to reach out to other people going through the WBL endorsement process, but have not had any luck so far. I did speak with a lady from Essex High School and she ran into the same problem as well. She also was a business teacher and meet the requirements, but the AOE would not grant her the WBL endorsement without an additional 18 hours. It finally took a letter from her HR explaining how she met the competences and that the Peer

Review process was not appropriate for her for the AOE to give her the endorsement. I have attached said letter as well to this email for your review.

I believe that I am qualified for the WBL endorsement and have the course work to meet the requirements. I also believe the AOE is mis-interpreting the intent of the VSBPE in requiring a candidate to take 18 new credit hours even if the requirements are met through previous and new course work. Can you please provide clarification on this?

Thank you for your time. I truly appreciate your time and help. If there is anything that you need clarification from on my end, please let me know. I look forward to hearing from you.

Take care,

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