

**VSBE**

**Date: March 12, 2020**

**Item: ROPA Report on Champlain College New Math Program**

**ITEM:** Shall the VSBE grant conditional approval of Champlain College's new Middle Grades and Secondary Math programs for two years?

**AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the VSBE grants conditional approval of Champlain College's new Middle Grades and Secondary Math programs for two years with a Two-Year Report due in March of 2022.**

**BACKGROUND:** The VSBE approved Champlain's application to have a review of its proposed new Middle Grades and Secondary Math programs. On January 22, a team of educators approved by Champlain and the Board visited Champlain and interviewed a variety of people involved with the new programs. The team reviewed the evidence that Champlain had submitted, focusing especially on how the program will ensure candidates have met the endorsement standards. As Champlain already has approved programs in Middle Grades and Secondary English and Social Studies and had a successful ROPA review of those programs in April of 2017, the team drew on the ROPA Report from that review for many of the indicators.

**RATIONALE:** As noted in the ROPA Report, the team had two stipulations that needed to be met prior to the recommendation for approval. That Report was sent to Champlain and on Feb. 17, they sent documentation of how they have addressed those stipulations. Their new evidence was reviewed by the Chair of the team, Amy Saks-Pavese, and by ROPA Coordinator Ellen Cairns, and both found the evidence to be adequate to change the recommendation to approval of the program.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

[Review Team ROPA Report](#), Letter from Champlain including links to evidence of meeting stipulations



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February 17, 2020

To: Ellen Cairns, ROPA Consultant

Re: Champlain College Education Program Math Endorsement

Dear Ellen Cairns and the ROPA Math Endorsement site visit Review Team,

The Education program faculty wishes to thank you and the site visit team: Dr. Amy Saks Pavese, St. Michael's College, chair; Dr. Christine LaTulippe, Norwich University and VSBPE member; Kaaren Meyer, Math Educator, Stowe Middle/High School and Chris Antonicci, Principal, Union Memorial School for the summary report based on thoroughly examining and reviewing our application and Institutional Portfolio for new program endorsements in Middle Grades and Secondary Mathematics and from the January 22, 2020 ROPA site visit to Champlain College. We are especially pleased that you commended the collaborative partnership between the education program and the math department faculties.

Our faculty and administration were pleased with the experience of the site visit and the outcomes of the report, especially the thoughtful feedback to our program development initiatives for Middle Grades and Secondary Mathematics endorsements across the four ROPA standards. We felt that the experience was framed as an opportunity for the team as "peer reviewers" to examine the evidence we provided in both in our Institutional Portfolio and at the site visit in order to receive constructive feedback for our program developments.

To note: we did not note any factual errors that need to be corrected in the report except that there is not a rating for indicator 4.3 which is likely inadvertent which has been reported and addressed.

However, the committee offered specific areas in which they sought additional information after the review, and we believe we have addressed each of those needs. We ask the committee to please see the document titled, [Additional Information for Specific ROPA Committee Requests](#) and the Shared Folder containing that additional information titled, [Math Endorsements New Materials](#).

Thank you for your work supporting the ongoing development of teacher candidates throughout Vermont and for your considered feedback towards developing a new middle and secondary level mathematics program at Champlain College.

Sincerely,

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(this letter is also attached)

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