

**VSBPE**

**Date: May 14, 2024**

**Item: Goddard Closing**

**ITEM:** Information only re: Goddard Teach-Out Plan

**AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**No action needed.**

**BACKGROUND:**

In February, Maike Garland, the licensure officer for Goddard, let the AOE know that Goddard would be closing its educator preparation program. Maike submitted a Teach-Out Plan that was not complete in time for the March VSBPE meeting, so the plan was to submit it at the May meeting. On April 9, Goddard announced it would be closing at the end of this semester. Maike has been in touch with the AOE and we are confident she and her assistant are working with their candidates to find suitable placements. At this time, there is not an official Teach-Out Plan for the Board to approve. The Office supports Goddard staff spending their time working with their candidates at this hectic time for them, although that means not being able to submit their completed paperwork with their official Teach-Out Plan.