

VSBPE

Date: April 13, 2021

Item: Teacher Apprenticeship Program (TAP) Pilot Project Proposal

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE approve TAP's proposed pilot project to work with and recommend candidates seeking additional endorsements?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBPE approve TAP's proposed two-year pilot project to work with and recommend candidates seeking additional endorsements, running during the 2021-22 and 2022-23 academic year.

BACKGROUND: The AOE let the EPPs know that we believed there to be an opportunity for them to support candidates who are teaching under Provisional licenses while working towards additional endorsements. TAP submitted the attached proposal in response to that idea. The Office has reviewed the proposal and finds it to be more than a substantive change but not requiring a new ROPA review at this time, as they would be recommending for endorsements for which they are already approved to recommend (albeit through a different process), and all of the candidates going through this program will already be licensed teachers who are looking for support and an alternative path for adding a new endorsement.

RATIONALE: TAP has shown success in preparing candidates through field-based experience, and had no concerns at their last ROPA review in 2017. We believe that many teachers who are working under a Provisional license in a new endorsement area will benefit from the support they will receive through this program, as well as the clear path to obtaining the new endorsement on their license when the Provisional expires.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: TAP's letter requesting approval of their pilot project.