

VSBPE

Date: Oct. 19, 2023

**Item: TAP Request for Approval to Recommend for Design and Tech Ed
Endorsement**

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE grant the Teacher Apprenticeship Program (TAP) approval to recommend candidates for the Dance and Design and Technology Education endorsements?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBPE grant the Teacher Apprenticeship Program (TAP) approval to recommend candidates for the Dance and Design and Technology Education endorsements.

BACKGROUND:

The TAP program relies on a candidate's undergraduate and/or graduate coursework in the content area, and is approved to recommend for most endorsements where the candidate could have already learned the content knowledge through prior coursework. In 2021, the VSBPE voted to allow TAP to recommend candidates for the Computer Science endorsement, which they did not have at the time. The only two content-specific endorsements in which TAP is not approved are Dance and Design and Technology Education. They currently have an applicant who is interested in becoming a Design and Tech Ed teacher, and would like to add that endorsement to their list of approved endorsements. The Agency has added Dance as well, in case TAP should find themselves with a prospective candidate in that area in the future.

Normally, an EPP wishing to add an endorsement would need to complete a new program review, but since TAP's model is consistent across endorsements and does not rely on teaching the content knowledge, it does not seem necessary to review the program in order to grant approval for these last two.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

None.