
Education Quality Team Staff Report for 9 February 2023

On behalf of the Education Quality Division, I want to thank Patrick Halladay, for his leadership and expertise over the last four years as our Division Director. He will be missed. We wish him the best in his new position at UVM.

Josh Souliere has been named interim Director, until a permanent replacement is found. Josh currently serves as Assistant Division Director for the Education Quality Division. We appreciate him stepping up to take on this new role during the transition period, along with being a familiar face to the division.

On February 1, 2023, we opened renewals anticipating receiving approximately 3,500 over the course of the year. We are also still cleaning up from the extended 2022 licensing season, due to a longer turnaround time for criminal record check reports to come back to the agency. The remaining few 2022 applications should be cleaned up shortly.

An educator had an extension on the limit of substitute teaching extended through March 1, 2023, at the request of St. Johnsbury SD for a long-term sub position.

Since the board approved having SLP's and School Psychologists able to come through reciprocity with a valid educator license, two School Psychologists have done that.

The office has received feedback on the draft anti bias standards and has made numerous revisions to ensure language is reflective of best practice. Additionally, the office is continuing to engage with national organizations and other state education agencies through the process of revising the InTASC Model Core Teaching Standards, which has an uncertain timeline. The office is now exploring short term and long-term options to balance the need for explicit equity-based standards for Vermont educators, while ensuring alignment with national standards. Ideally, we will conduct a full review of the Core Teaching Standards using a similar method of the Act 1 working group's review of EQS, however we would prefer to conduct that review once new national standards are established to avoid duplication of effort for the office and field. In the interim, we are exploring how the current draft can be leveraged into a useful tool of self-reflection for pre- and in-service teachers rather than new requirements for preparation programs.

From the Education Quality Division: Ron Ryan, Education Programs Manager

Special Education Provisional Waivers:

Currently we have 61 applications for 2022. That represents about 33 SU'S/SD'S who have submitted applications. 12 of those SU'S/SD'S have submitted 2 or more special education provisional waivers. The breakdown of instructional levels is below:

61 Special Education Waiver Provisional applications submitted.
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29 of the applications represent Grades K through Age 21 Special Education

17 of the applications represent Grades K through 8 Special Education

5 of the applications represent Grades 7 through Age 21 Special Education

6 of the applications represent Birth through Age 6 Early Childhood Education.

Andrew Prowten had put together the information below. This gives a broader perspective of the data.

This table is a count of Special Education Provisional Waivers submitted by County over the last two years.

County	Sum of Count of Requesting SU/SD
Addison	2
Bennington	11
Caledonia	7
Chittenden	7
Franklin	14
Lamoille	1
Orange	6
Orleans	2
Rutland	16
Washington	3
Windham	7
Windsor	11
Grand Total	87

February 2023 Update:

L/RSB: Licensing Specialists are currently waiting on CRC Reports for 10+ 2022 renewals.

D. Giles has submitted 54 Grant Agreements for the 2022-2023 year to AOE Finance Office. 53/54 Grant Agreements have been completed. A January reminder was emailed to the two L/RSBs regarding missing Grant Applications.

An L/RSB January Newsletter for 2023 was emailed to all L/RSB Chairs and Co-Chairs with various pieces of licensing information on January 23, 2023. All L/RSBs were emailed the 2023 renewal release date on January 9, 2023, along with a copy of the memo all 2023 renewals would be emailed on January 11, 2023.

Online meetings are being scheduled with individual Boards. 14/61 L/RSB have held or scheduled a virtual meeting to date.

Deb also continues to address questions and concerns from L/RSBs and educators regarding relicensure.

Current Work Queue per application type as of 2-1-2023: *Applications in the work queue are in various stages of processing from just received to waiting for payment from applicant.*

Application Type	Total
Initial	130
Reinstatement	21
Renewal	17
Retired	3
Temporary	138
1 Yr. Temporary – extenuating circumstance	1
Transcript Review – Initial	35
Transcript Review – Add endorsement	25
Peer Review - Initial	66
Peer Review – Add endorsement	15