

VSBPE

Date: 9 July 2020

Item: Extension of OTS Endorsement Waiver

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE approve an extension of the online teaching specialist (OTS) endorsement for educators to teach in distance learning settings due to the COVID outbreak?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The VSBPE approve an extension of waiver requiring educators to have an OTS endorsement to teach in a distance learning setting through 31 December 2020 due to the continued COVID outbreak.

BACKGROUND:

At the 12 March VSBPE meeting, the board approved a blanket waiver of the online teaching specialist waiver for all Vermont educators through the end of the 2019-2020 academic year. The board choose to reduce potential uncertainty for educators in an uncertain time.

Extending this waiver through 31 December 2020 would allow educators without the OTS endorsement to teach students remotely should the need arise due to the continuation of the COVID outbreak.