

VSBE

Date: Aug. 5, 2021

Item: SMC Literacy Program Request

ITEM: Shall the VSBE accept the request from St. Michael's College for approval for its Literacy Program to recommend licensure in the new 79-Specialized Literacy Professional endorsement?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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BACKGROUND: SMC has a literacy program that has approval to recommend for the now-retired 76-Reading/English Language Arts endorsement. They are seeking approval to recommend for the new 79-Specialized Literacy Professional endorsement which replaced the 76-RELA Specialist endorsement.

RATIONALE: SMC has reviewed their existing program thoroughly to ensure that it meets all the competencies of the new endorsement. Where they found gaps, they addressed them by adding two new courses to the program. They have provided comprehensive evidence in their chart aligning the competencies with the courses and the syllabi for those courses. An AOE transcript review specialist reviewed the documentation as if it were evidence submitted by a candidate seeking the endorsement, and found it to be sufficient.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Letter from SMC, which includes links to their alignment chart and syllabi.