**Education Quality Team**

***Staff Report for January 12, 2022***

***From the Education Quality Division: Patrick Halladay, Division Director***

Our licensing renewal season opened on Tuesday, 11 January 2022. We are anticipating a relatively straightforward year. All Level II renewals will be for five years, rather than the mix of five- and seven-year renewals we have faced the past two years. This likewise means that we will have substantially fewer renewals.

Under direction from the FBI, as of 1 January 2022, all educators working under a temporary license (emergency, provisional, or apprenticeship) are required to successfully complete a criminal record check (CRC) to qualify for a license. The office has reached out to superintendents to let them know of the change in procedure.

We would like to welcome Ryan McCormick to the AOE as our new Peer Review Coordinator. Ryan comes to us after a decade teaching social studies and serving as the department chair at Harwood Union. His first day will be Tuesday, 18 January. We are extremely excited to have him on board!

Andrew is developing a methodology to conduct remote endorsement revisions primarily through asynchronous independent work and small group meetings, which will accommodate the workload of field partners. The process itself will closely match how endorsement revisions have been completed in the past, it will simply allow more flexibility for participants’ schedules. The work will still culminate in a whole group discussion but will not require a full day meeting as in the past.

In collaboration with the Act I advisory panel, the office distributed a survey to the field to inform the development of the Anti-bias Standards. The survey can be found at this address: <https://www.cognitoforms.com/VermontAgencyOfEducation/AntiBiasStandardsSurvey>

Per guidance provided by the board at the October and November board meetings, the following Education Preparation Programs have provided policies to the office to address potential disruptions to student teaching due to student illness or other extenuating circumstances:

* Goddard College
* University of Vermont
* Champlain College
* Norwich University

Finally, board member Cheryl Niedzwiecki chose to resign from the Standards Board last week. She was simply lacked the time to meet her expectations of participation. I thank her for her service; her perspective on CTE will be sorely missed. We will work with the governor’s office to find a suitable replacement as quickly as possible.

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

**January 2022:**

Beginning January 2022 all temporary license applications will require the applicant to get fingerprinted for the Agency of Education per audit requirements. This will be a new step for districts. To keep the process moving the AOE will issue a LOE (Letter of Eligibility) until we receive the actual VCIC report for the person.

**Early Childhood Education application numbers:**

Currently 25 applications have been filed.

2 applications have been closed.

**Special Education Waiver Provisional application numbers:**

Currently 35 application have been filed.

2 applications have been closed.

Renewal season for 2022 is upon us. Applications opened up for the new year on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at noon.

**L/RSB:**

53/53 Grant Agreements for the 2021-2022 year have been submitted AOE Finance Office. and completed. December reminders have been sent out regarding missing components of the Annual Report (2020-2021) and Grant Applications for 2021-2022.

An L/RSB December Newsletter for 2021 was emailed to all L/RSB Chairs and Co-Chairs with various pieces of information for L/RSBs on December 10, 2021.

Seven online meetings have been held with individual LSBs to date with additional meetings scheduled through March 2022. Boards are continuing to sign up. Grant allocations are contingent upon a meeting.

New for 2021 – Four new Chair trainings were held in November and December of 2021.

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

Current Work Queue per application type as of 1-5-2022: *Applications in the work queue are in various stages of processing from just received to waiting for payment from applicant.*

| Application Type |  Total |
| --- | --- |
| Initial  |  58 |
| Reinstatement |  12 |
| Renewal |  0 |
| Retired  |  3 |
| Temporary  |  27 |
| 1 Yr. Temporary – extenuating circumstance |  0 |
| Transcript Review – Initial |  17 |
| Transcript Review – Add endorsement |  35 |
| Peer Review - Initial |  66 |
| Peer Review – Add endorsement |  23 |