

**Education Quality Team
Staff Report for 28 of March 2024**

Updates:

Renewals are in full swing. We anticipate receiving around 3,709 this year, which include level I and level II licenses.

Wendy Scott and Tammy Bates from the AOE Universal PreK Program are planning on expiring the AOE ECE/ECSE provisional license waiver as of 6-30-25. The waiver is currently expected to expire on 6/30/2026 but due to lack of mentor funding, fewer applicants applying who have very little experience in early education, they have determined not to continue the waiver.

Rob Schulze, Associate Professor Special Education from Vermont State University wanted to pass on a issue for the board to monitor. They are placing special education teacher prep students in placements for the fall, and are having a very hard time finding schools that have a licensed special educator in them. There are so many schools that are saying they would love to have a student teacher, but every single one of our special educators is on a provisional. This is of course making it harder to create new special educators who are licensed, since there is a lack of places to place them for training, which potentially makes the shortages worse, making it a self-perpetuating problem. If it gets to the point where we literally can't find a placement, we may need to ask for some sort of relief.

Approved Substitute Rule 5382 long-term sub 30 student days for Adelaide Brooks in the first-grade classroom for Addison Northwest SD.

Approved Internal waivers: Praxis.

Marcella Ray-Mullikin	Slate Valley Unified School District
Kristina Knockenhauer	Slate Valley Unified School District
Olivia Bowen	Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union
Paige Collier	Lamoille North Supervisory Union
Bridget Nardiello	Addison Central School District
Morgan O'Dell	Slate Valley Unified School District
Joseph Plotts	Rutland Northeast Supervisory Union

Special Education Provisional Waivers:

Currently we have 91 applications that were initiated for the 2023-2024 school year.

That represents about 32 SU'S/SD'S/Private schools who have submitted applications. The breakdown of instructional levels is below:

91 Special Education Waiver Provisional applications submitted.

52 of the applications represent Grades K through Age 21 Special Education

18 of the applications represent Grades K through 8 Special Education

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

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

10 applications closed.

Deb Giles March 2024:

L/RSB:

An L/RSB March Newsletter for 2024 was emailed to all L/RSB Chairs and Co-Chairs with various pieces of licensing information on March 20, 2024.

Online meetings are being scheduled with individual Boards. 20/61 L/RSB have held or scheduled a virtual meeting to date.

All eligible L/RSBs submitted a grant via GMS (Grant Management System) and were approved by early February.

Boards continue to submit Appendix A (Agreement of Support) and Appendix B (Policies and Procedures) to Deb for review.

2024 renewals continue to be submitted to the AOE. The main reason for delays is due to improper employment being entered by the educator.

Deb also addresses questions and concerns from L/RSBs and educators regarding relicensure.

Current Work Queue per application type as of 3-20-2024: *Applications in the work queue are in various stages of processing from just received to waiting for payment from applicant.*

Application Type	Total
Initial	105
Reinstatement	22
Renewal	364
Retired	4
Temporary	56
1 Yr. Temporary – extenuating circumstance	0
Transcript Review – Initial	27
Transcript Review – Add endorsement	41
Peer Review - Initial	82
Peer Review – Add endorsement	25