

MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents, Curriculum Directors, and Principals
FROM: Jess DeCarolis, Division Director, Student Pathways Division
SUBJECT: Contract Awarded to Great Schools Partnership
DATE: January 4, 2023

The Vermont Agency of Education (AOE) is excited to announce that a contract focused on supporting the development and implementation of the Vermont Framework for Proficiency has been awarded to Great Schools Partnership (GSP). As part of the AOE contract, GSP will provide professional learning focused on key aspects of the developing Vermont Framework for Proficiency beginning in February 2023 and extending to August 2024.

The Vermont Framework for Proficiency is focused on providing a statewide model for a coherent, equitable, and systemic approach to K-12 proficiency-based learning that is student-centered, applicable across learning contexts and flexible pathways (e.g., Adult Education and Literacy, Career Technical Education, Dual Enrollment and Early College, etc.), and engenders connected literacies in all learners. We believe this will be in service to Academic Recovery in the short term, and academic success for all students receiving a public education in the long-term.

During the 2022 – 2023 school year, the AOE will, through contracted services with the Great Schools Partnership:

- Provide professional learning and resources that will increase equitable learning opportunities across the state by supporting the development of the Vermont Framework for Proficiency;
- Support the refinement of Personalized Learning Planning (PLP) processes at the local level so that PLPs can align to the Portrait of a Graduate (PoG) and provide a pathway for career and college readiness; and
- Facilitate strategic conversations with educational leaders to gather initial feedback from the field on the AOE's revised high school Proficiency-Based Graduation Requirements (PBGR), Critical Proficiencies, and Priority Performance Indicators.

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During the 2023 – 2024 school year, GSP in collaboration with the AOE will:

- Finalize the AOE’s revised high school PBGRs, Critical Proficiencies, and Priority Performance Indicators.
- Engage educators in the development of culturally responsive, curriculum-anchored performance assessments for Priority Performance Indicators.
- Support educators through professional learning that clarifies how to use formative assessment practices to ensure students are moving towards proficiency with a focus on effective feedback.

Educational leaders will be able to select those learning opportunities described above that will best meet their needs.

Additionally, a grant opportunity will be announced shortly to support participation in this work and implementation of the Vermont Framework for Proficiency at the local level. Please watch for this information in the Weekly Field Memo.