

AGENCY OF EDUCATION
Montpelier, Vermont

TEAM: School Finance

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education acknowledge that an approved independent school operating under the name Forrest Ward Memorial School closed on June 30, 2021?

SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the State Board of Education acknowledges that an approved independent school operating under the name Forrest Ward Memorial School closed on June 30, 2021.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 16 V.S.A. § 166 (b)
State Board Rule 2200

BACKGROUND:

1. Forrest Ward Memorial School was in continuous operation since 1947, until the facility closed for three years from 2003 to 2006. The Superintendent of the Northern New England Conference of Seventh Day Adventist (NNEC) notified the Department that the school would not be opening in 2003. On September 16, 2003, the State Board of Education acknowledged that the school ceased operations.
2. In July of 2006, the Department was notified by the Superintendent of the Northern New England Conference of Seventh Day Adventists that Forrest Ward Memorial School will be reopening for the 2006-2007 school year to serve students in grades 1-8. Forrest Ward Memorial School has been continuously approved by the State Board since 2006.
3. The Northern New England Conference of Seventh Day Adventists is responsible for visiting and evaluating the Seventh Day Adventist Schools in Vermont. This organization is recognized by the Vermont State Board of Education for accrediting purposes by State Board Rule #7320.
4. NNEC notified the Agency of Education that Forrest Ward Memorial School closed on June 30, 2021.
5. Student academic records will be housed at Northern New England Conference main office in Maine.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS: none

STAFF AVAILABLE:

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