

**AGENCY OF EDUCATION  
Montpelier, Vermont**

**TEAM:** School Finance

**ITEM:** Will the State Board of Education grant renewal of approval to Burke Mountain Academy, East Burke, VT to serve students in grades 8-12, based upon the review by the Agency of Education and notification of continued New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation.

**SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the State Board of Education grants renewal of approval to Burke Mountain Academy, East Burke, VT to serve students in grades 8-12, based upon the review by the Agency of Education and notification of continued New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) accreditation, for a term through June 30, 2025; and**

**This approval is conditional on the requirement that the school reports to the Agency of Education within five business days whenever any changes occur in enrollment, programs, policies, facilities, financial capacity, staffing or administration during the approval period.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** Title 16 V.S.A. §166(b)  
SBE rules 2200

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

1. Burke Mountain Academy is a boarding school providing a full-time college preparatory program and a winter tutorial program for students in grades 8-12, who are involved in competitive skiing.
2. Burke Mountain Academy is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), which is an accrediting agency recognized by the State Board of Education pursuant to SBE rule #7320. Other than routine annual reports, the school's next major responsibility will be the decennial evaluation visit scheduled for 2024.
3. NEASC, as part of its accreditation review, assessed financial capacity. The applicant has satisfied NEASC's requirements, and the Agency recommends that the State Board support NEASC's findings of adequate financial capacity for the purposes of State Board approval.

4. Burke Mountain Academy has a policy on prevention and reporting of harassment, hazing, and bullying which is as stringent as the Agency's model policy.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** none

**STAFF AVAILABLE:**

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