

**AGENCY OF EDUCATION**

**Barre, Vermont**

**TEAM:** School Finance

**ITEM:** Will the State Board of Education acknowledge that an approved general education independent school operating under the name of The Initiative: a Vermont Waldorf High School, Plainfield, VT, closed in June 2017, and is no longer an approved general independent school in Vermont?

**SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the State Board of Education acknowledge that an approved general education independent school operating under the name of The Initiative: a Vermont Waldorf High School, Plainfield, VT, closed in June 2017, and is no longer an approved general independent school in Vermont.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 16 V.S.A. § 166 (b)

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

1. The Initiative: a Vermont Waldorf High School was a day school serving students in grades 9-12, with a mission and vision inspired by Rudolf Steiner. The school was granted initial general independent school approval by the State Board of Education in June of 2015 through June 30, 2017.
2. The Initiative contacted the Agency of Education in March of 2017 stating the school will close out its financial obligations at the end of this fiscal year with no plans to operate high school programming in the 2017-2018 school year. The last day of school for the 2016-2017 school year was June 9, 2017.
3. Lake Champlain Waldorf School in Shelburne, VT, agreed to be the repository of the student records.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** None

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