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Agency of Education

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Rick Gordon, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Gordon:

This letter is to provide you with written notice, under 16 V.S.A. § 166, that on April 17, 2019, the State Board of Education approved a motion stating that it reasonably believes the Compass School lacks financial capacity to meet its stated objectives. The reason for this belief is the school's failure to adopt appropriate financial policies, procedures and practices which are necessary to prevent financial mismanagement or misuse of public funds received by the school. The draft minutes of the State Board's April 17, 2019 meeting can be accessed at: https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/edu-state-board-draft-minutes-04_17_19.pdf.

Under 16 V.S.A. § 166, you are entitled to an opportunity to respond to this finding and provide information that demonstrates remedial steps you have taken to date or information to rebut the finding described above. The State Board invites you to present this information at its next meeting, May 15, 2019 in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. If the Board does not find that the school has satisfactorily responded or demonstrated its financial capacity, the State Board may establish a review team under 16 V.S.A. § 166(b)(8)(B)(ii).

If you plan to appear on May 15, please respond so that we can provide you with a specific time on the Board's agenda.

Sincerely,



Krista Huling, Chair
State Board of Education

Cc: Roxane Blake, Co-Chair, Compass School Board of Directors
Cc: Randi Solin, Co-Chair, Compass School Board of Directors

