

AGENCY OF EDUCATION
Barre, Vermont

TEAM: School Finance

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education grant renewal of independent school approval to Caledonia Christian School, St. Johnsbury, VT, to serve students in grades 1-8, based upon the review by the Agency of Education and notification of continued Northern New England Conference (NNEC) accreditation?

ACTING SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the State Board of Education grants renewal of independent school approval to Caledonia Christian School, St. Johnsbury, VT, to serve students in grades 1-8, based upon the review by the Agency of Education and notification of continued Northern New England Conference (NNEC) accreditation. This approval is for five years through June 30, 2023.

That the school report to the Agency of Education within five 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)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. Caledonia Christian School is a Seventh-day Adventist day school. Caledonia Christian School serves students in grades 1-8.
2. Caledonia Christian School is accredited by the Northern New England Conference (NNEC) of Seventh-day Adventist. NNEC is a State Board of Education recognized accrediting agency, and listed in Rule 7320 of the State Board's Manual of Rules and Practices. The school will be expected to provide regular written reports to NNEC throughout the accreditation period.
3. NNEC, as part of its accreditation review, assessed financial capacity. The applicant has satisfied NNEC's requirements of financial viability and sustainability.
4. Caledonia Christian School has a policy on the prevention and reporting of harassment, hazing, and bullying which is as stringent as the Agency's model policy.

COST IMPLICATIONS: none

STAFF AVAILABLE:

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