

AGENCY OF EDUCATION  
Montpelier, Vermont

**TEAM:** School Finance

**SECRETARY'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the State Board of Education acknowledges that Springfield College in St. Johnsbury, VT closed its programming on May 31, 2021 and will no longer be an approved postsecondary school operating in VT.**

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** 16 V.S.A. § 175  
State Board Rule 2250

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

1. State statute requires a postsecondary institution proposing to discontinue its course of instruction to take several steps regarding student academic records. The institution must inform the State Board, prepare the academic record of each former and current student in a form satisfactory to the State Board, and deliver the records to the entity designated by the State Board. The State Board has promulgated rules consistent with statute.
2. The statute and rules do not state any criteria that the State Board should consider when designating an entity to act as permanent repository for a closing institution's student academic records. The statute states that students and former students "shall be entitled to copies of their records" after paying a "reasonable" fee. 16 V.S.A. § 175(c).
3. Springfield College applied in 2003 and received Degree Granting Authority from the State Board of Education. Since that date, the College has sought renewal of approval annually. The last renewal period was from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.
4. Springfield College sent written notification to the Agency of Education that it is discontinuing its programming and operations in St. Johnsbury as of May 31, 2021.
5. The student records of those individuals who attended Springfield College in St. Johnsbury, VT will be available through Springfield College's main campus in Springfield, MA.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:** none

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