

**VSBPE**

**Date: March 28, 2018**

**Item: St. Michaels' College Application for Early Childhood Education Program Review**

(Pending receipt of application and new program fee)

**ITEM: Shall the VSBPE accept St. Michaels' application for an Early Childhood Program Review and authorize a review of the proposed new program, and when shall that review be scheduled?**

**AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**That the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators accepts St. Michael's College's application for a ROPA Review of their Early Childhood Education program, and that the new program review will be scheduled as a separate visit after the October 2018 review of their 21 current programs.**

**BACKGROUND:** Claudine Bedell, Director of Graduate Education at St. Michael's, has notified the Agency that an application for a review of a proposed new program in Early Childhood Education will be submitted. She has indicated that they will request that the new program review coincide with their full ROPA review, which is scheduled for Oct. 1-2, 2018. (Application and new program fee to be received by the AOE no later than March 28, 2018)

**RATIONALE:** SMC currently has approval to recommend for 21 other endorsements; to add a new program review to their full ROPA review would mean that the review team could not give the new program the attention it warrants in order to determine if it meets the standards.

**Per Policy N13:**

Upon receipt of the request, the VSBPE will consider the Design Document and seek clarification from the institution, as needed, before approving a visit.

The visit date will be established by the VT AOE in cooperation with the institution. The Review Team will be determined by the VT AOE and approved by the institution. The team will then be approved by the VSBPE.