

Talking points for free tuition:

Both VSC and UVM:

\*\* Vermont has the highest family share for student tuition (meaning VT families pay 82% of the tuition burden for public institutions) (SHEF report)

\*\*Vermont has the highest graduation rate of the smaller New England states 87.7%, but one of the lowest rates for 5 year enrollment rate to post-secondary education, just over 50% (common data project 2016)

\*\*Vermont ranks 47<sup>th</sup> out of 50 states for state support for higher education per \$1,000 household income (\$3.12) – Bureau of Economic Analysis

\*\* Vermont has one of the highest rates of students leaving Vermont for college (only DC is higher) – Institute of Education Sciences

\*\*Because of the high cost of tuition at the VSC and UVM, economically disadvantaged students are disproportionately affected. Only 38.1% of students who are economically disadvantaged go on to college. (common data project 2016)