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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senate Education Committee
FROM: Krista Huling, Chair of State Board of Education
SUBJECT: In reference to CTE professional educator license language
DATE: May 3, 2018

Thank you for inviting the State Board of Education to give feedback on CTE professional educator license language. In full disclosure the full Board has not had an in-depth discussion on this piece of legislation and have not voted on an official stance, but we did discuss this topic at our April meeting.

Consensus was that we should maintain licensing requirements for CTE teachers that work at approved independent school in Vermont functioning as an approved area career technical center.

Discussion included:

- Maintaining professionalism of all CTE teachers. Teachers have been fighting the stigma that CTE is somehow less rigorous than mainstream high schools and we believe lowering the requirement prolongs that narrative.
- Creating equity in all CTE centers. We discussed how different requirements create an inequity between regional centers.
- Passing the Praxis is a low bar for all Vermont teachers. We discussed the Praxis is meant to test an 8th grade level and it is appropriate for all teachers working with students be able to pass the test.

Please feel free to contact me with any follow up questions.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista S. Huling". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Krista S. Huling