

Education Policy Proposals

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Policy Vision

- Create a World Class education system in Vermont by transforming our current system, which is good for many students, into a great one for all students.
- Meet the personal learning needs of each student regardless of where they live in Vermont, from cradle to career, while also expanding learning opportunities.
- COVID-19 - Be flexible and nimble in our response to the changing environment and be alert to opportunities for innovation and modernization.

Policy Themes

1. Get Every Child Off to a Good Start
2. Ensure Equal Opportunity for All Students
3. Expand Learning Opportunities for Students
4. Access to High Quality Instruction/Teacher Pipeline
5. Improve Pathways Between High Schools and CTE Centers
6. Modernize the System

Every Child Off to a Good Start

- Literacy reform
- Move most of CDD to AOE
- Property tax exemption for PreK centers

All Students are Well Supported

- After school task force (in progress)
- Restructuring of responsibilities between AOE and SBOE

Equal Opportunity for All Students

- Curriculum required to address hate issues; model curriculum
- Mandatory policy to address racial equity
- Task force on school disciplinary procedures
- Statewide assessment of school facilities

Expand Learning Opportunities

- Simplify home study regulations
- Expand VTVLC
- Supervisory union contracting for enrollment exchange and course taking exchange

High Quality Instruction/Pipeline

- Automatic licensing reciprocity
- Eliminate online teaching endorsement
- Transfer adjudication of licensing appeals to OPR

Pathways Between Schools and CTEs

- Restructure CTE financing based on modeling done by Bill Talbot and Deb Brighton
 - Removes CTE tuition from school district budget
 - CTE centers have their own tax rate
 - Increase CTE block grant
 - Regional assessment based on overall regional population

Modernize Operations

- RFP for statewide student information system
- Regional back office pilot
- Uniform statewide school calendar with school starting after Labor Day