

April 13, 2025

To: Sen. Seth Bongartz, Chair, Senate Committee on Education

From: Jennifer Deck Samuelson, Chair, Vermont State Board of Education
Tammy Kolbe, Vice Chair, Vermont State Board of Education

Re: Vermont State Board of Education FY2025 & FY2026 Budget Request

This memorandum responds to your request for additional information about the Vermont State Board of Education's (SBE) FY2026 budget request, and one-time funding to support the Board's efforts to modernize the education rules currently assigned to the SBE.

Exhibit 1 summarizes our FY2026 funding request.¹ The AOE allocation to the SBE has been flat funded at \$70,708 since FY2023.

Exhibit 1. State Board of Education Budget Requests, FY2026

	Appropriation	
	Purpose	Amount
Annual operating funds		
	SBE member stipends	\$50,000
	Independent counsel	\$36,000
	Update Rule Series 2370 (CTE)	\$50,000
	National Association of State Boards of Education Membership	\$18,560
	Technical support for establishing education standards per 16 VSA 164(9)	\$30,000
	Total	\$184,560
One-time appropriation,		
	Legal counsel to assist determination of which SBE rules to sunset and which SBE rules to transfer to AOE, and update remaining outdated SBE rules	\$375,000

¹ Please see our February 13, 2025 budget memorandum for additional detail and justification for the requests.



