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# Act 1 (2019)

— Ethnic Studies and Social Equity  
Working Group —

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# Our Job

- The Working Group shall review standards for student performance adopted by the State Board of Education under 16 V.S.A. § 164(9) and..., recommend to the State Board updates and additional standards to recognize fully the history, contributions, and perspectives of ethnic groups and social groups.
- The Working Group may review State statutes, State Board rules, and school district and supervisory union policies that concern or impact standards for student performance or curriculum used in schools. The State Board may recommend to the General Assembly proposed statutory changes

**Progress to date since  
July 2022**

# Appointment of 4 New members

## **Hiba Ali**

My name is Hiba Ali and I attend South Burlington High School. I serve as a student representative on the South Burlington School Board and am also one of the leaders for my school's Student Justice Union. I joined the Act 1 Working Group because I believe that there is a lot of change that could be made in Vermont schools regarding the inclusion of important BIPOC history into curriculums. I also joined this group to get some ideas on how I could advocate for change in my own school community.

## **Joyce Yodishembo**

Hi, my name is Joyce, I'm a freshman at CVU. I'm excited to bring more to the table and be able to use my voice to make more change into our state as a first step. I'm excited to work with you all :)!!

## **Prinsha Neupane**

My name is Prinsha Neupane, pronounced prin-suh or prince-uh, whichever helps you. I'm a senior at Colchester High School this year. I've spent a lot of time at my school working on curriculum, talking with teachers, and trying to create meaningful change that genuinely helps children. I'm excited to try and do the same here.

**Lynn Murphy** is an elder, wife, mother, grandmother and former middle school science teacher. Her graduate work has been in Cultural Studies with a focus in Native American studies and she has been a lifelong learner who shares that learning with others. Lynn is a traditional basket maker, does traditional and non-traditional beadwork, knits, crochets and attempts a variety of other interesting crafts.

# Progress to date since July 2022

- Education Quality Standards

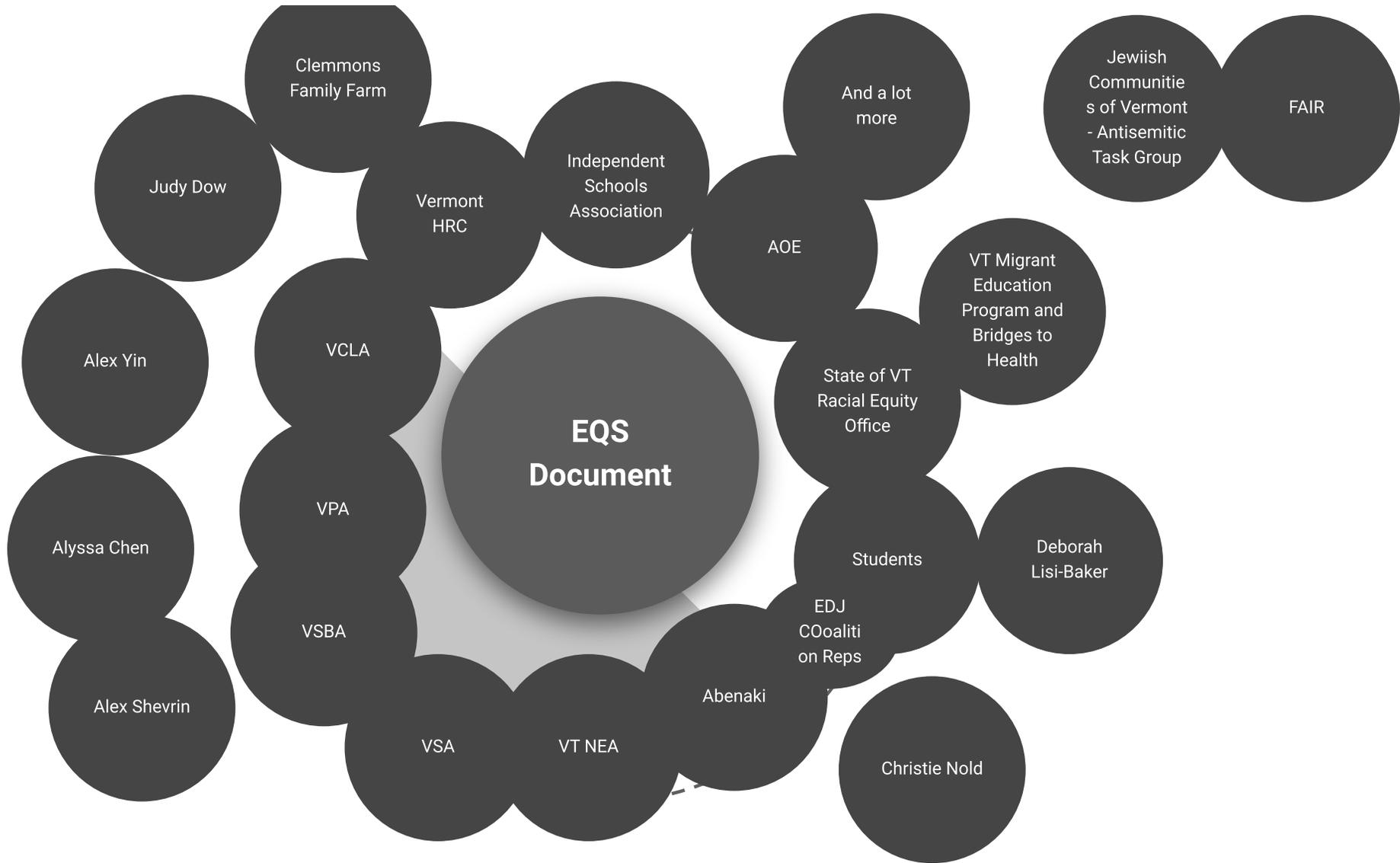
# Act I EQS Revisions Timeline

**2021**

**AUGUST 2021 / FINALIZED EQS**

**AUGUST TO SEPTEMBER 2021 / OPEN FOR REVIEWERS**

**OCTOBER TO DATE / INCORPORATING FEEDBACK**



Clemmons Family Farm

Judy Dow

Vermont HRC

Independent Schools Association

And a lot more

Jewiish Communities of Vermont - Antisemitic Task Group

FAIR

AOE

VT Migrant Education Program and Bridges to Health

State of VT Racial Equity Office

Alex Yin

VCLA

**EQS Document**

VPA

Alyssa Chen

Students

Deborah Lisi-Baker

VSBA

EDJ COoaliti on Reps

Alex Shevrin

VSA

VT NEA

Abenaki

Christie Nold

# Act I EQS Revisions Timeline

## 2022

Feb Act I Work Group receives work from Sub-committee

March Act I Work Group votes on proposed EQS Revisions and submit to the State State Board of Education

# Progress to date since July 2022

- Hiring a consultant (RFP)

What's  
NEXT

