FACT SHEET ON EXECUTIVE BRANCH WORKFORCE REDUCTIONS

May 25, 2016

Since the last update on May 19, additional layoff notices were sent out to employees of state agencies. Out of a total state executive branch workforce of **31,200** as of March 31, 2016 (excluding higher education), **13** of those employees received layoff notices since the last update. All of those notices were sent to employees within the State Department of Education.

It is important to note that notices regarding workforce reductions will occur over time. This is a difficult process, one that we aim to ensure is done respectfully and legally. As such, ***there will be additional reduction notices in the future***. We will continue to notify the public as future notices go out.

Those employees who receive notices will be laid off from their positions and be relieved of their duties at the close of business. This is consistent with human resources best practices, and it will allow those employees the opportunity to explore and seek alternative employment opportunities going forward. They will be paid their salary and maintain all their State-provided benefits throughout the contractual notice period.

Total notifications to date as of 2:00 p.m. on May 25, 2016:

- DCF: 127
- DDS: 113
- DECD: 4
- DMHAS: 76
- DOC: 187
- DSS: 78
- MIL: 1
- OCME: 1
- OGA: 4
- SDE: 13
- UCHC: 89
- **TOTAL: 693**

SDE:

- All of these notices are within the vocational-technical school system, including:
  - 3 staff, AI Prince THS
  - 3 staff, Eli Whitney THS
  - 2 staff, Platt THS
  - 3 staff, Vinal THS
  - 2 staff, Windham THS
- These notices are a result of federal changes: adult students in secondary schools will no longer have access to student financial aid and will no longer be able to pay tuition next academic year. Consequently, once the current cohort of students complete their coursework, the following programs are terminated as of June 13, 2016: Medical Assistant at Platt Technical High School, Dental Assistant at Prince and Windham Technical High Schools, Certified Nursing Assistant at Whitney Technical High School, and Surgical Technologist at Prince and Whitney Technical High Schools.
- Additionally, on April 6, 2016, the Nursing Board of Examiners voted to close the Licensed Practical Nurse Program at Vinal Technical High School due to the low number of students who achieve certification after completing the program.