



## **VT-HEC Mission Investment Fund**

The VT-HEC Board of Directors has established the **VT-HEC Mission Investment Fund** for the purpose of advancing our goal of providing high quality professional learning opportunities that support the success of every Vermont student. The **VT-HEC Mission Investment Fund** will be focused on developing new professional learning offerings in high need areas and supporting increased access to current VT-HEC offerings for participants who do not have access to professional development by providing a limited number of partial scholarships or reduced cost offerings.

The VT-HEC Mission Investment Fund has supported the following efforts:

1. **Early Childhood**
  - o Increased access to the Early Childhood Workshop series by providing lower costs and a limited number of scholarships: *Connecting the Dots: Using Best Practices to Support Young Children & Their Families*
  - o Provided a course to the 2017 Castleton Early Childhood Summer Institute
2. **Pathways to Endorsements and Certificates in Special Education, Early Childhood Special Education, Early Childhood, Health, and Driver's Education** - Partial scholarships for eligible students for courses in VT-HEC's programs that lead to endorsements or certificates
3. **Trauma** - Development of a new program focused on developing *Trauma-Informed Schools*. This will include a series of graduate courses, as well as related workshops, partnering with *Northeast Family Institute*.
4. **Paraeducators** - Development of a professional development offering for paraeducators and others based on the *Registered Behavior Technician* competencies of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board and provision of this offering at lower costs.
5. **Professional Development for Adults** – Development of a new course and series of workshops focused on developing and/or refining skills needed to design and deliver professional learning opportunities to adults.
6. **Workshops** - Provide scholarships and/or reduced costs to participants with little or no professional development support.

**You Can Help....**Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to help us expand the impact of the *VT-HEC Mission Investment Fund*. Help us help those that educate and support Vermont's children and youth.