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**RE: 20 DE Reg. 752/14 DE Admin. Code 503 [DOE Proposed Instructional Program Requirements Regulation (April 1, 2017)]**

Dear Ms. Shockley:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Department of Education (DOE) proposal to adopt amendments to its instructional program standards. The amendments are being proposed in order to clarify instructional program requirements and demonstrate alignment to adopted standards in each content area.

The current regulation lists several curricular categories (e.g. math, science, social studies) and requires public schools to provide instructional programs in each category. The proposed amendment would insert a requirement in each category that it align with DOE standards and grade level performance expectations. Charter school programs must also be aligned to Delaware Content Standards, State program requirements and State graduation requirements. See Title 14 Del.C. §512(6).

Since the amendments are apparently reiterations of existing law and practice, the GACEC would like to note that Council did not identify any concerns in reviewing the proposed changes.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our observations with you. Please contact me or Wendy Strauss at the GACEC office if you have any questions on our comments.

Sincerely,

Dafne A. Carnright  
Chairperson

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CC: The Honorable Susan Bunting, Secretary of Education  
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