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Susan K. Haberstroh, Regulatory Review  
Department of Education  
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**RE: 21 DE Reg. 468/14 DE Admin. Code 501, Sections 104b & 122b [DOE Proposed State Content Standards Regulation (December 1, 2017)]**

Dear Ms. Haberstroh:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Department of Education (DOE) proposal to adopt revisions to its content standards regulation to include Financial Literacy and Computer Science standards. Council **endorses** the revisions since financial and computer competency is extremely important in everyday life; however, we suggest the DOE clarify the timeline for implementation of the new standards.

The regulation contemplates "adoption" of the standards effective with the 2018-19 school year. Id. However, the actual time line for implementation is unclear. The regulation is somewhat puzzling in the context of the timetable for implementation:

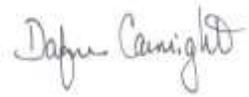
1.1.1.3. Effective with the 2018-19 school year, the Financial Literacy Content Standards shall be adopted. For purposes of this subsection, "adopted" means to accept a set of standards as the basis for curriculum across the state according to a timeline established and disseminated by the Department of Education.

The regulation also states that Computer Science standards will be adopted effective with the 2018-19 school year. However, the December 20, 2016 University of Delaware article indicates that "(f)ull implementation is targeted for the 2020-21 school year." At 2. See attached.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our endorsement and observations with you. Please contact me or

Wendy Strauss at the GACEC office if you have any questions on our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dafne Carnright".

Dafne A. Carnright  
Chairperson

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