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Department of Education Office of the Secretary Attn: Regulation Review 401 Federal Street, Suite 2 Dover, DE 19901

RE: <u>22 DE Reg. 187/14 DE Admin. Code 1009 [DOE Proposed DIAA High School Interscholastic Athletics Regulation (September 1, 2018)]</u>

Dear Secretary Bunting:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Department of Education (DOE) proposal to amend Delaware Code in reference to interscholastic athletics for high school students. Council **endorses** the proposed changes, especially the training requirements for athletic coaches relating to head injury. These changes show the DIAA commitment to avoiding and moderating the effects of sports-related head injuries and traumatic brain injury.

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,

Ann C Fisher

Ann C. Fisher Chairperson

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CC: Dr. Dennis L. Loftus, State Board of Education Mary Ann Mieczkowski, Department of Education John Wolgamot, State Board of Education Mr. Chris Kenton, Professional Standards Board Terry Hickey, Esq. Valerie Dunkle, Esq.