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

RE: 22 DE Reg. 335/14 DE Admin. Code 505 [DOE Proposed Graduation Requirements Regulation (November 1, 2018)]

Dear Secretary Bunting:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Department of Education (DOE) proposal to amend graduation requirements to align with House Substitute 1 to House Bill 287 with House Amendment 1. Council acknowledges that the proposed amendments will also implement changes created by the passage of House Bill 15 as amended by Senate Amendment 1 and House Bill 230. Council **supports** the proposed amendments.

The proposed amendment also eliminates the Student Success Plans ("SSP") section. According to the synopsis, a new regulation on SSPs will be issued "in the near future." SSPs are developed with every student beginning in the eighth grade, and outline a student's post-high school goals along with the steps necessary to help the student achieve those goals. There does not appear to be a statute that addresses SSPs. Council would like clarification on how SSPs will work while a new regulation is being created and information on when the new regulations will be issued.

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

Sincerely,

Ann C Fisher

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