May 28, 2019

Mr. Chris Kenton, Executive Director
Delaware Professional Standards Board
The Townsend Building
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, DE 19901

RE: 22 DE Reg. 901/14 DE Admin. Code 1511 [DOE Proposed Issuance and Renewal of Continuing Licensure for Educators Regulation (May 1, 2019)]

Dear Mr. Kenton:

The Governor’s Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) proposal to make amendments to the definitions of Performance Assessment and Micro-credential. Additional changes are made to other definitions and section 12.0 is amended in reference to Secretary of Education Review Request. Council supports the proposed amendments; however, we would like to ask one question in relation to the Secretary of Education Review Requests.

This proposed amendment changes the process for school districts and charter schools to request that the Secretary of Education undertake a review to grant a Continuing License to an individual who does not meet the requirements for a Continuing License but has otherwise demonstrated effectiveness. As mentioned in Council’s letter on the issuance of initial licenses, instead of requiring that certain school officials approve the request for review the proposed amendment requires that these same school officials submit the requests to the Secretary. Compare 22 Del. Reg. 899, 901 (Section 16.0) with 22 Del. Reg. 901 (Section 16.0). Council queries if the DDOE intended for there to be a difference between its provisions on Secretary Review for initial and continuing licenses. It seems likely that DDOE may wish for consistency.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our comments 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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Chairperson

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