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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 19, 2019

TO: The Honorable Members of the Delaware General Assembly

FROM: Ann C. Fisher, Chairperson
GACEC

RE: **House Substitute 1 for House Bill No. 92 Extended Learning Opportunities Subcommittee**

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed **House Substitute 1 for House Bill No 92**, which will create a new subcommittee called the Extended Learning Opportunities Subcommittee (ELOS) within the Interagency Resource Management Committee (IRMC). ELOS will be tasked with researching and developing recommendations to improve and coordinate before-and-after school care and summer programs (extended learning programs) for school-age children. Council **strongly endorses** this proposed legislation and looks forward to being a participant on this subcommittee.

Children with disabilities have unique needs and those needs must be considered and addressed in the ELOS' research and recommendations so that extended learning programs are accessible and improve outcomes for all children. We look forward to working with the subcommittee to encourage the development of programs and funding models that will provide the most positive possible outcomes for our children with and without disabilities.

Thank you for your time and consideration of our endorsement and comments. Please feel free to contact me or Wendy Strauss at the GACEC office should you have any questions.