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

RE: <u>24 DE Reg. 643/14 DE Admin. Code 1581 [DOE Proposed School Reading Specialist Regulation (January 1, 2021)]</u>

Dear Secretary Bunting:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) proposal in cooperation with the Professional Standards Board to amend 14 <u>Del. Admin. C.</u> §1581, which describes the requirements for obtaining the School Reading Specialist standard certificate. The proposed amendment will add definitions to Section 2.0, clarify the requirements for issuing a Certificate, specify application requirements, and add Sections 7.0-10.0 which concern the validity of the Certificate, discipline actions, requests for the Secretary of Education to review applications and, recognizing past certifications, respectively. Council supports the proposed amendments.

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

Sincerely,

Ann C Fisher

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