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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. 828/14 DE Admin. Code 211 [DOE Proposed Notice of Due Process Proceedings to School Boards Regulation (March 1, 2021)]</u>

Dear Secretary Bunting:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) proposal to amend section 211 in reference to Notice to School Boards of Due Process Proceedings. This regulation is being amended to specifically recognize vocational school and charter school board members and to streamline language in accordance with the Delaware Administrative Code Style Manual. Council **supports** the proposed amendment.

Council notes that language was added to clarify the definition of reorganized school districts or a vocational technical school. The language added "charter school board and vocational school board members" whether elected, appointed, or volunteers. This language was added to recognize all members sitting on a school board.

The Secretary also establishes additional terms for the superintendent of a reorganized school district or a vocational technical school district as the head of the charter school. These terms were added to ensure that all school stakeholders were on notice of Due Process Proceedings.

These are all positive changes and supported by the GACEC. 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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