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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. 835/14 DE Admin. Code 915 [DOE Proposed James H. Groves High School 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 the regulations relating to the operations of James H. Groves High School (Groves). Groves serves primarily as an adult education program, with campus locations throughout the state, however it also provides educational programming that is open to high school aged students. Council **supports** the proposed amendment as it broadens eligibility by lowering the minimum age for participation in the In School Credit (ISC) Program. This change will increase flexibility for students to complete credits in light of the unprecedented disruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Thank you for the opportunity to show our endorsement of this proposed amendment. Please contact Wendy Strauss or me if you have any questions on our comments.

Sincerely,

Ann C Fisher

Ann C. Fisher Chairperson

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