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

RE: 24 DE Reg. 926/14 DE Admin. Code 1562 [DOE Proposed Teacher of English Learners Regulation (April 1, 2021)]

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 requirements for a Teacher of English Learners Standard Certificate. Council **supports** the proposed amendments as it ensures transparency for an educator applying for the Teacher of English Learners Standard Certificate.

The proposed amendments include adding defined terms to Section 2.0; clarifying the requirements for issuing a Teacher of English Learners Standard Certificate in Section 3.0; specifying the education, knowledge, and skill requirements for obtaining a Teacher of English Learners Standard Certificate in Section 4.0; specifying the application requirements in Section 5.0; adding Section 6.0, which concerns the validity of a Teacher of English Learners Standard Certificate; adding Section 7.0, which concerns disciplinary actions; adding Section 8.0, which concerns requests for the Secretary of Education to review standard certificate applications; and adding Section 9.0, which concerns recognizing past certificates that were issued by the Department.

Council notes that the only significant change is that proposed §1220.1 introduces content included in 14 Del. Admin. C. §§1220. Also, the language "standard certificate has been replaced with "Teacher of English Learners Standard Certificate".

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

Sincerely,

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Chairperson

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