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

**RE: 26 DE Reg. 361/14 DE Admin. Code 1522 PSB/DDOE Proposed Elementary School Counselor regulation (November 1, 2022)**

Dear Secretary Holodick:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Professional Standards Board proposal in collaboration with the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 1522 Elementary School Counselor and the requirements for a Standard Certificate. Council **endorses** the proposed amendment.

The proposed amendment endeavors to ensure that the quality of Delaware educators remains high, while giving Certificate applicants a fair means to acquire the Elementary School Counselor Certificate. Furthermore, the inclusion of the criminal conviction history requirement creates an additional safeguard for Delaware schools and educational institutions. With this amendment, DDOE indicates that the education, knowledge, and skill requirements are designed to improve the quality of the educator workforce, which will help to improve student achievement. This is a worthwhile endeavor.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our support with you. Please contact Pam Weir or me at the GACEC office if you have any questions on our comments.

Sincerely,

*Ann C Fisher*

Ann C. Fisher  
Chairperson

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