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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. 363/14 DE Admin. Code 1545 PSB/DDOE Proposed Secondary 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** 1545 Secondary School Counselor and the requirements for a Standard Certificate. Council **endorses** the proposed amendment.

The proposed changes parallel the changes for Elementary Counselor. The amendment clarifies the education, knowledge and skill requirements and adds the option of a new Praxis Subject Matter Assessment in Sections 4.1.2 and 4.2.2.

The proposed amendment also includes language that the applicant must disclose criminal conviction history. Failure to do so, the amendment stipulates, is grounds for denial of the application. 5.2

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

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Chairperson

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