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

RE: <u>26 DE Reg. 521/14 DE Admin. Code 1203 DDOE Proposed Scholarship Incentive Program</u> (ScIP) regulation (January 1, 2023)

Dear Secretary Holodick:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) proposal to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 1203 Scholarship Incentive Program (ScIP). The proposed changes are being made to align with House Bill 480. HB 480 amended the Delaware Code "relating to financial assistance for education in order to promote and support the state's high demand career fields and reduce student debt for Delaware residents." Council **<u>supports</u>** the proposed amendment as it adds clarity for individuals seeking financial assistance in education.

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

Sincerely,

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