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

RE: 27 DE Reg. 14 DE Admin. Code 1571 Delaware Department of Education/Professional Standards Board Proposed Special Education Teacher of Students with Disabilities regulation (July 1, 2023)

Dear Secretary Holodick:

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 (PSB), to amend 14 Del. Admin. C. §1571, which describes the requirements for obtaining the Special Education Teacher of Students with Disabilities (Category) Standard Certificate. Council **supports** the proposed amendments.

The proposed amendment accomplishes the following: revise the title of the Certificate in Section 1.0; revise and strike definitions in Section 2.0; clarify the reference to license in subsection 3.1.2; add the Praxis Special Education: Foundational Knowledge as an option in subsection 4.1.2.2; add subsection 5.2 related to disclosure of criminal convictions, and add section 10.0 which concerns contact information provided to DDOE.

The proposed changes do not negatively impact students with disabilities or students in general; therefore the Council supports the proposed revisions.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our endorsement 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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