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

RE: <u>27 DE Reg. 230/14 DE Admin. Code 608 DDOE Proposed Paraeducator Permit regulation</u> (October 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 1517 Paraeducator Permit. Council <u>supports</u> the proposed changes because they offer additional alternatives for paraeducator licensure and continued education to help address the shortage of necessary paraprofessionals in schools.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to share our support of the proposed amendment 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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