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

RE: 28 DE Reg. 195/14 DE Admin. Code 1594 Delaware Department of Education/Professional Standards Board Special Education Director Regulation (September 1, 2024)

Dear Secretary Holodick:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the amendments proposed by the Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) in collaboration with the Professional Standards Board (PSB) in reference to the requirements for a Special Education Director Standard Certificate. The GACEC **endorses** the proposed amendment.

Council appreciates the expansion of the definition of a special education director as it may reflect current practices more accurately. While lowering the prior experience requirement may lessen quality, it may also make it easier to recruit personnel. Council expects the DDOE and PSB to be mindful of this possibility.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our endorsement with you. As the state advisory panel for IDEA in Delaware, we are always mindful of our role in the processes and policies relating to the education of special education students. Please contact Pam Weir or me at the GACEC office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Ann C Fisher

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Chairperson

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