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

RE: <u>28 DE Reg. 490/14 DE Admin. Code 1517 DDOE Paraeducator Permits regulation</u> (January 1, 2025)

Dear Secretary Marten:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) has reviewed the Professional Standards Board (PSB) and Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) proposal to amend 14 Del. Admin. C. §1517 with respect to paraeducator permits. Council <u>supports</u> the proposed amendments, as they appear to encourage more paraeducators to serve in the educational system in Delaware.

We appreciate your consideration of our support and recommendations. We look forward to a more collaborative partnership with you on behalf of the students of Delaware.

Sincerely,

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