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

**RE: 29 DE Reg. 93/14 DE Admin. Code 1596 DDOE Charter School Leader regulation (August 1, 2025)**

Dear Secretary Marten:

The Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens (GACEC) reviewed the initial Professional Standards Board (PSB) and Delaware Department of Education (DDOE) proposal to amend 14 DE Admin. Code 1596 Charter School Leader in October 2024. We have attached the comments provided at that time. We have now analyzed and would like to reiterate the concerns that were voiced earlier.

Council would again like to encourage the DDOE to look to existing training for other certifications/licensures and determine how to enhance the training for charter school leaders. This will address charter school disparities for students with disabilities and ensure Delaware students with disabilities receive a free appropriate public education (FAPE).

Council would also like to note concerns around the federal attempt to rollback protections provided through the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). This potential decrease in IDEA protections makes the state investment in ensuring we have proper safeguards in place even more important.

We look forward to a more collaborative partnership with you on behalf of the students of Delaware. Please contact us if you have any questions on our reiteration of our earlier comments. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*William H. Doolittle*

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Chairperson

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Attachment