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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. 750/14 DE Admin. Code 1527 DDOE Proposed Student Support Personnel regulation (March 1, 2026)**

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) proposed new regulation concerning the requirements for a Student Support Personnel Permit. Council **supports** the new regulation, as it will help with addressing school staffing shortfalls and will be an additional opportunity for workforce development on the job.

Council supports the regulation but would like a response to one question. Council would like information on the type of data collection or program assessment the DDOE plans to use to measure the success of student support personnel professionals in supporting student success.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our support and request for additional information with you. 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 comments. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*William H. Doolittle*

William H. Doolittle  
Chairperson

WHD: kpc

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