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Mr. Chris Kenton, Executive Director Professional Standards Board Townsend Building 401 Federal Street – Suite 2 Dover, DE 19901

RE: 19 DE Reg. 979 [PSB Proposed School Nurse Regulation (5/1/16)]

Dear Mr. Kenton:

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Professional Standards Board's [in collaboration with the Department of Education (DOE)] proposal to adopt some discrete revisions to its school nurse standards. The rationale is as follows: "This regulation requires some formatting changes to conform to other Standard Certificates and the updating of certification requirements." At 979. The proposed regulation was published as 19 DE Reg. 979 in the May 1, 2016 issue of the Register of Regulations. SCPD has the following observation.

The Department may wish to reconsider §6.2. That section requires public schools to be responsible "for verifying that the School Nurse continues to meet the requirements" in certain subsections. The reference to §4.1.1 seems inapt since a nurse will not "lose" a degree. On the other hand, it may be logical to include a reference to §4.1.4 since the 90 hours of mandatory training would occur subsequent to hiring. Therefore, the DOE could consider substituting "subsections 4.1.2 through 4.1.4" for "subsections 4.1.1 through 4.1.3" in §6.2.

Thank you for your consideration and please contact SCPD if you have any questions or comments regarding our observations on the proposed regulation.

Sincerely,

Daniese McMullin-Powell, Chairperson State Council for Persons with Disabilities

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