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The Honorable John Carney,
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 27, 2022

TO: Delaware Department of Education
Office of the Secretary/Attn: Regulation Review

FROM: Benjamin Shrader, Chairperson 
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

RE: Proposed DDOE Regulations [Multiple Measures for Demonstrating Content Knowledge, 26 Del. Reg. of Regulations 254 (October 1, 2022)]

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Delaware Department of Education's (DDOE's) proposed regulation to alternative methods for assessing subject matter knowledge for teachers when they do not have test scores that meet standards. DDOE indicates that these measures will "improve the quality of the educator workforce." The proposed regulation was published as 26 DE Reg. 254 in the October 1, 2022, issue of the Register of Regulations.

SCPD has the following observations and recommendation:

- These alternative standards do not apply to school counselors, dance teachers, driving and safety instructors, and all the special education and bilingual teachers.
- The alternative standards rely on 1) having a GPA of 3.50 combined with specific PRAXIS scores; or 2) Having a GPA of 3.0-3.49 and other test scores.

The SCPD endorses the proposed regulation with the current exception of NOT allowing special education teachers to be alternately certified.

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

cc: Ms. Laura Waterland, Esq., DLP
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