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Ms. Susan K. Haberstroh  
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RE: 15 DE Reg. 1259 [DOE Proposed Administrator Appraisal Process Regulation]

Dear Ms. Haberstroh:

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Education’s (DOE’s) proposal to amend its regulation regarding Administrator Appraisal Process Delaware Performance Appraisal System (DPAS II) Revised. The proposed regulation was published as 15 DE Reg. 1259 in the March 1, 2012 issue of the Register of Regulations. As background, DOE previously issued a regulation covering administrator appraisal in October, 2011. SCPD commented on that regulation which became final in December, 2011 [15 DE Reg. 424 (October 1, 2011) (proposed); 15 DE Reg. 836 (December 1, 2011) (final)].

The DOE is now proposing to remove the exemption for the 2011-12 school year for rating an administrator as “needs improvement” or “ineffective” based on 5 evaluative components, including student improvement (deleted §7.2). The DOE also proposes to remove an exemption from development of an improvement plan based on unsatisfactory student improvement (deleted §8.2).

SCPD endorses the proposed regulation since the changes may enhance administrator accountability.

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

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

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