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Ms. Tina Shockley, Education Associate
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RE: 20 DE Reg. 752 [Proposed Instructional Program Requirements Regulation (4/1/17)]

Dear Ms. Shockley:

The State Council for Persons with Disabilities (SCPD) has reviewed the Department of Education's (DOE's) proposed regulation to adopt some discrete amendments to its instructional program standards. The proposed regulations were published in the April 1, 2017 Register of Regulations.

SCPD has the following observations.

In general, the current regulation lists several curricular categories (e.g. math, science, social studies) and requires public schools to provide instructional programs in each category. The proposed amendment would insert a requirement in each category that it align with the DOE's standards and grade level performance expectations. We infer that the additional language reflects existing public school duties. Even charter school programs must be aligned to Delaware Content Standards, State program requirements, and State graduation requirements. See Title 14 Del.C. §512(6).

Since the amendments are ostensibly reiterations of existing law and practice, the SCPD has reviewed the initiative and have not identified any concerns.

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

Sincerely,

Jamie Wolfe

Jamie Wolfe, Chairperson
State Council for Persons with Disabilities

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