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Mr. Eric Fingerhut
Chancellor of Education
Ohio Board of Regents
30 East Broad Street, 36th floor
Columbus, OH 43215-3414

Dear Chancellor Fingerhut:

The State University Education Deans (SUED), wish to extend our support of the resolution submitted to you by the Ohio Association of Private Colleges of Teacher Education (OAPCTE). As leaders in higher education, in both the public and private sector, OAPCTE and SUED have a unique opportunity and shared responsibility to support development of policies that will positively impact departments of education in colleges and universities state-wide. The relationship between public and private universities in Ohio is singular and is a strength of our comprehensive system of education.

Our collaborative efforts with OAPCTE and with Ohio Board of Regents have been instrumental in creating standards for measuring accountability for teacher education programs. We also joined forces earlier this year to submit a proposal to the Ohio Board of Regents in support of the recommendation of the ad-hoc committee on accreditation.

The State University Education Deans are in full support of the resolution passed on September 10, 2010 by the Executive Committee of OAPCTE (see attached). Our combined advocacy efforts will continue to positively impact the development of educational professionals across the state of Ohio. Thank you for consideration of the resolution submitted by OAPCTE and we look forward to continued collaboration in the future.

Sincerely,



Renee A. Middleton, Ph.D.
Chair

cc: Mifrando S. Obach, Ph.D., President, OAPCTE
Tom Bordenkircher, Associate Vice Chancellor, OBR



September 14, 2010

Mr. Eric Fingerhut
Chancellor of Education
Ohio Board of Regents
30 East Broad Street, 36th floor
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Dear Chancellor Fingerhut:

Since the launching of the Governor's Education Reform Initiative and the passage of House Bill 1, the Ohio Association of Private Colleges of Teacher Education (OAPCTE) has worked hand in hand with the Ohio Board of Regents and the Ohio Department of Education to realize the goals of the initiative. We have a strong history of collaboration with our counterparts in the public sector, the State University Education Deans (SUED), as recently demonstrated by our collaborative efforts to assist the Ohio Board of Regents in creating structures which will provide quality assurances for teacher education programs. We actively participated from the beginning with SUED representatives and OBR's Office of Academic Quality and Assurance on ad-hoc committees that discussed and made recommendations on matters relating to national accreditation, program review, and metrics.

Earlier this year, both OAPCTE and SUED forwarded to you a mutually agreed upon recommendation regarding national accreditation that supported the recommendation of the ad-hoc committee on accreditation. It is in this same spirit that OAPCTE is forwarding to you the resolution below which passed unanimously at our executive committee meeting on September 10, 2010. The resolution reads:

WHEREAS, all institutions of higher education offering professional education programs are required to submit data in compliance with Title II of the Higher Education Act, AND

WHEREAS, OAPCTE collaborated with SUED on a committee supported by the Ohio Board of Regents to recommend metrics used to evaluate professional education programs,

BE IT RESOLVED, all private institutions in the State of Ohio be held accountable to a common set of metrics applicable to all providers of professional education programs in the State of Ohio.

Be assured that OAPCTE stands ready to work with the Ohio Board of Regents to continually improve the quality of teacher education in the state of Ohio.

Sincerely,

Mifrando Obach, Ph.D.
President