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Provost Program Proposal Review Committee
University of Louisville

Re: Final Program Proposal – Graduate Certificate in Teaching as a Second Language (P-12); Graduate Certificate in Elementary Math Specialist; Graduate Certificate in Instructional Computer Technology (P-12); Graduate Certificate in Classroom Reading (P-12)

Dear PPPRC Members:

I am writing to support the academic program proposals seeking to convert the following four existing endorsements into official graduate certificates:

1. Graduate Certificate in Teaching as a Second Language (P-12)
2. Graduate Certificate in Elementary Math Specialist
3. Graduate Certificate in Instructional Computer Technology (P-12)
4. Graduate Certificate in Classroom Reading (P-12)

The four proposed graduate certificates help advance the College's goals of student success, high quality academic programs, and growing enrollment. The Associate Dean of Academic Affairs & Accreditation, Dr. Jenny Bay-Williams, and the EMSTEd Department Chair, Dr. Amy Seely-Flint, have approved these changes.

We believe reclassifying these endorsements as graduate certificates can help us better track our degree-seeking students, our enrollments, and our "completers" for accreditation purposes. This reclassification will also make these programs eligible for Title IV funding which can advance our ability to support current and future qualifying students in bearing the financial cost of their education. Additionally, because these proposals focus on existing programs, there are no new startup costs associated with the certificates.

In conclusion, the four proposed graduate certificates highlight the institution and the College's commitment to high quality academic programming, continuous improvement, and alignment with external accreditation and professional boards such as the Council of Accreditation on Educator Preparation (CAEP) and the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB). Thank you for your thoughtful review of these proposals. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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