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Provost Program Proposal Review Committee
University of Louisville

Re: Final Program Proposal – M.Ed. in Educational Administration Leadership

Dear PPPRC Committee:

This letter is to signify my strong support for a new online Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Educational Administration Leadership (EAL). The program design was led by Dr. Deborah Powers, Clinical Associate Professor and approved by the Department of Leadership, Evaluation and Development (LEAD).

This online M.Ed. program in Educational Administration Leadership (EAL) is designed to prepare school leaders to engage staff, improve the instructional capacity of schools, and deal effectively with the educational challenges of the 21st century. The goal of the graduate certificate is to provide field experience, clinical practice, and conceptual and theoretical knowledge necessary for roles in education administration and leadership. The program's learning objectives highlight the commitment to quality, continuous improvement, and alignment with Kentucky's Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) and Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) standards, reinforcing its capability to successfully launch and sustain the program.

The 30-credit hour (10 course) program caters to aspiring and current professional educators and provides a pathway to certification in Level II Principalship certification in Kentucky which is the second advanced leadership credential necessary for those pursuing administrative positions in the Commonwealth. The program is designed to be stackable so that the 18-credits earned through the graduate certificate can be applied towards the Master of Education (M.Ed.) in Educational Administration. Candidates can earn the M.Ed. in EAL with only additional 12-credit hours, qualifying them for the Level II principalship certification.

This program is a vital step for the advanced teacher preparation students to grow their career as P-12 school leaders and administrators. The unique stackable curriculum is designed to meet the workforce needs and extend the career trajectory of Kentucky educators. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Dean of College of Education and Human Development

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