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MEMORANDUM

TO: Colorado Council of Deans of Education
FROM: Dr. Ian K. Macgillivray, Assistant Deputy Director for Academic Affairs
DATE: December 7, 2012
SUBJECT: CCHE approves ability to offer bachelor's degrees in all education fields.

At its December 6, 2012 meeting, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) reversed its 1986 decision prohibiting institutions of higher education from offering bachelor's degrees in all education fields. This follows the April 5, 2012 and June 7, 2012 reversal of its decisions prohibiting bachelor's degrees in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education, respectively.

This was the final step in clearing up any confusion about institutions' currently offered programs, such as those in Special Education and Music Education (see the attached agenda item that was approved). This also opens the door for new education bachelor's degrees. Any new programs in education will be required to have the content reviewed by the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and approved by State Board of Education (SBE), in accordance with SBE's rules (2260.5-R-8.01 and 8.02) as well as the Performance-Based Standards for Colorado Teachers (2260.5-R-5.00). These programs must also be reviewed by Department of Higher Education (DHE) and meet CCHE's requirements for educator preparation programs per C.R.S. §23-1-121, to qualify for final approval by CCHE.

Modifications to existing programs also need to be reviewed by CDE and DHE, but may not require a full review. To submit proposals, or if you have any questions, your contacts at CDE and DHE are:

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