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MEMORANDUM

TO: Colorado Deans of Colleges of Education

FROM: Colorado Department of Education and Colorado Department of Higher Education

DATE: October 13, 2008

SUBJECT: Discontinuance of requirement to pass PLACE/Praxis prior to student teaching

The purpose of this memo is to clear up any confusion regarding WHEN teacher candidates should take the PLACE or Praxis II exams. Please note the following:

- There is no law, policy or rule that requires teacher candidates to pass a content exam (PLACE/Praxis II) prior to student teaching.
- It is up to the individual teacher education unit at each institution of higher education to decide for its own programs when to require teacher candidates to pass the PLACE or Praxis II exam.
- However, each teacher education unit should require that teacher candidates pass the PLACE or Praxis II before the institution of higher education signs the candidate's letter of recommendation for licensure.

This is effective immediately.

Sincerely,

Dr. Julie Carnahan
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Dr. Jami Goetz
Executive Director of Educator Licensing
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