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MEMORANDUM

TO: Institution of Higher Education-Based Educator Preparation Programs

FROM: Colorado Council of Deans of Education (CCODE)
Colorado Department of Education (CDE)
Colorado Department of Higher Education (DHE)

DATE: May 23, 2011

SUBJECT: Preparation for Teaching Online and Virtual Field-Based Experience

The purpose of this memo is to demonstrate the state's and institutions of higher education educator preparation programs' commitments to preparing educators who are able to effectively teach in online and hybrid P12 classrooms. Since 2009, higher education-based educator preparation programs have demonstrated to the state as part of the reauthorization process how they meet the same objectives and outcomes in online coursework as in the traditional classroom. In acknowledging the need for educators who are able to work effectively in online and hybrid P12 classrooms, CCODE, CDE and DHE commit to the following:

- Educator preparation programs are encouraged to identify opportunities for candidates to complete a portion of their field-based experience in online or blended learning P-12 schools and classrooms.
- Educator preparation programs are encouraged to prepare candidates in best practices for working in online and blended learning environments.
- Educator preparation program faculty are encouraged to utilize online platforms for posting course documents and engaging with candidates wherever appropriate and feasible.
- Educator preparation programs are encouraged to collect data on candidates who complete a portion of their field-based experiences online so that informed decisions can be made in the future.

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