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MEMORANDUM

TO: Colorado Council of Deans of Education

FROM: Dr. Ian K. Macgillivray, Assistant Deputy Director for Academic Affairs

DATE: June 8, 2012

SUBJECT: CCHE approves ability to offer bachelor's degrees in Elementary Education (8.02) and Early Childhood Education (8.01)

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

Any new programs in Elementary (8.02) and Early Childhood Education (8.01) will be required to have their 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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