

MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana State Board of Education

FROM: Scott Bogan, Director of Higher Education and Educator Preparation Programs

DATE: December 9, 2020

SUBJECT: #TEACH – Elementary , Secondary, and All-Grade Transition to Teaching Proposal

#TEACH Training Educators and Creating Hope is a non-higher education transition to teaching program approved to offer teacher preparation in Michigan and North Carolina. #TEACH is focused on recruiting and preparing teacher candidates to serve in urban school districts. Using a medical residency model, #TEACH teacher candidates complete courses while working as teacher residents in an urban school. #TEACH has submitted a proposal to expand their program in Indiana and prepare teacher candidates in elementary (K-6), secondary (5-12) and all-grade (P-12) teaching.

As a reminder, the transition to teaching program is the only option allowing an entity other than an institution of higher education to offer a program for educator licensure. 511 IAC 10.1-3-7, Sec. 7, (a) states that “a department-approved transition to teaching program offered by an institution of higher education may offer the course of study as either undergraduate or graduate level. A department-approved program offered by an entity other than an institution of higher education may offer a noncredit hour based certificate.”

Please note, #TEACH is seeking national accreditation from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). This is important as the department expects #TEACH to seek and attain national accreditation in order to secure future recommendations for continued state approval status. In addition, a few areas for improvement (AFI) were noted during the department review process, and each AFI must be addressed before the department will recommend renewal.

It is the conclusion of a majority of the review team and, pursuant to 511 IAC 13-1-1, Sec. 1, (d), the recommendation of the IDOE that the Indiana State Board of Education approve the following for three (3) years:

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IDOE will continue to monitor the progress of the above program by reviewing all annual reports required of #TEACH, including candidate performance data submitted to the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation and IDOE.