

MEMORANDUM

TO: Indiana State Board of Education

FROM: Scott Bogan, Director of Higher Education and Ed. Prep. Programs

DATE: May 30, 2018

SUBJECT: Western Governors University (WGU) – Elementary Education

Representatives from Western Governors University (WGU) are seeking final approval to offer a Bachelor of Arts (BA) program for the Elementary Generalist (K-6) initial licensure. WGU is a regionally accredited institution with an educator preparation program recognized by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). Because WGU is headquartered in Utah, WGU Indiana program completers seeking Indiana licensure must apply directly to the IDOE as “out-of-state program completers.” If approved, WGU in Indiana would be able to recommend WGU Indiana program completers for initial Indiana elementary licensure.

It is the conclusion of a majority of the Indiana Educator Preparation Program Review Team (INPREP) 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:

- 1.) Western Governors University Indiana as a new Indiana Educator Preparation Program;**
- 2.) Western Governors University Indiana Elementary Generalist (K-6).**

The IDOE will conduct a state-review of the above EPP within three (3) years and will provide a report to the state board for review.

Please note that all approved licensure programs are expected to maintain alignment to Indiana REPA Educator Standards and seek national recognition status via a review by the Specialized Program Association (SPA) specific to the program. The IDOE will continue to monitor the progress of the above program by reviewing all annual reports required of WGU, including candidate performance data submitted to CAEP and the IDOE.