



State University Education Deans

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Dear Chancellor Fingerhut:

The State University Education Deans (SUED) are committed to excellence, accountability and collaborative partnerships that will ensure a world class educational system for Ohio citizens. As you well know, the public institutions of Higher Education in Ohio recommend over 4000 Ohioans per year for educator licensure. This represents almost 60% of all graduates recommended for licensure in the State. It is the intent of the SUEd members to work closely with the Governor's and your office to help shape a 21st Century Educational System as we continue to enhance the quality of teachers and school leaders through initial preparation, induction, and ongoing professional development of educators.

In March 2009 and April 2009, SUEd offered position statements supporting a seamless P-16 educational system. The purpose of this current position statement is to reiterate our endorsement for national accreditation of teacher preparation programs in Ohio.

We believe high quality standards and measures of accountability must guide the development of all professionals who educate Ohio's children.

We believe that teachers should receive an initial license from a university that is approved by a national accrediting body such as the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) or Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC).

While acknowledging that the Specialized Professional Association (SPA) process can sometimes be difficult, SUEd membership also supports the continuation of the SPA process for individual program accreditation.

We continue to look forward to working closely with you and the State Superintendent in a strong partnership for the innovative change necessary to prepare Ohio citizens for the 21st century.

Sincerely,

State University Education Deans