



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

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May 20, 2021

Johnny Key
Secretary

Joe Ross
President
Reach University

Dr. Ivy Pfeffer
Deputy
Commissioner

Dear Mr. Ross,

Stacy Smith
Deputy
Commissioner

The Division of Elementary and Secondary (DESE) has completed its review of the proposal submitted by Reach University to offer a licensure program for Elementary Education (K-6) as included in the Bachelor's degree in Global Education. I am pleased to inform you that the DESE has approved this proposal under the following conditions:

**State Board of
Education**

Charisse Dean
Little Rock
Chair

1. Candidates that participated as part of the 2020-2021 pilot will continue in this approved program of study.

Ouida Newton
Poyen
Vice Chair

2. Candidates must meet all the requirements for Arkansas licensure at the time of licensure application.

Susan Chambers
Bella Vista

3. Reach University is required to participate in the federal HEA Title II reporting process.

Dr. Fitz Hill
Little Rock

4. Reach University must designate a licensure officer who will receive training from the DESE Educator Licensure Unit.

**Kathy
McFetridge**
Springdale

5. Reach University will submit a detailed plan as to how their candidates will be prepared to be proficient in the Science of Reading. This plan is due no later than December 1, 2021.

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart

6. Reach University will submit a detailed plan as to how they will prepare teachers so work in a Professional Learning Community (PLC).

Steve Sutton
Marion

7. Reach will submit reports to DESE on enrollment numbers and candidate locations upon request.

Adrienne Woods
Rogers

8. Any major or minor revisions to the approved licensure program must be approved by the DESE Educator Preparation Unit prior to implementation.

Thank you for providing a professional education program to serve the schools and students of Arkansas. Best wishes for the success of your educator preparation program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Luneau".

Joan Luneau
Division of Elementary and Secondary Education
Educator Preparation Program Coordinator

Cc: Ms. Karli Saracini, Assistant Commissioner of Educator Effectiveness and
Licensure, DESE
Dr. Liz Baham, Provost Reach University