Responses from Central Oregon School Districts

From: gina.blanchette@redmondschools.org [mailto:gina.blanchette@redmondschools.org] **On Behalf Of** Mike McIntosh
Sent: Monday, December 18, 2017 3:26 PM
To: Gess-Newsome, Julie <Julie.Gess-Newsome@osucascades.edu>
Subject: Re: Letter of support for elementary ed program

Julie,

We don't see anything to add and we agree on the three specialized areas you have identified.

Thank you,

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From: Ken Parshall [mailto:kparshall@509j.net]
Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2017 1:54 PM
To: Gess-Newsome, Julie <Julie.Gess-Newsome@osucascades.edu>
Subject: Program Request

Good afternoon Julie,
Thank you for applying for an elementary education undergraduate degree program at OSU Cascades. Having served in Central Oregon for 2.5 years now, I have experienced first hand the shortage of well-trained teachers for our schools. In addition, as the Superintendent of the Jefferson County School District and a diverse population of students; the diversity of our teacher workforce is minimal. We must provide a path to teacher certification from high school into a bachelor degree program for most of our students to have the option of college and a career in education. I am very interested in working with OSU Cascades faculty to create a pipeline of future teachers if your request for the undergraduate program is successful. Have a great day, Ken Parshall.

From: Stefanie Garber [mailto:sgarber@culver.k12.or.us]
Sent: Sunday, November 26, 2017 3:11 PM
To: Gess-Newsome, Julie <Julie.Gess-Newsome@osucascades.edu>
Subject: Re: Letter of support for elementary ed program

Thanks for asking for my input Julie! This proposal looks great and you could add in, "the Culver Superintendent is in a dead panic about the future of finding quality teaching candidate

applicants!" ☺ This summer we had significant challenges finding quality applicants to fill some of our vacancies and it seems it may get worse in the next few years.

In addition, we love having our practicum students and student teachers from OSU Cascades, not one has been a "dud".....they are all sharp, knowledgeable, skilled future educators!!!!!!!

Fondly,
Stefanie

From: Duane Yecha [mailto:Duane.Yecha@crookcounty.k12.or.us]
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 6:27 AM
To: Gess-Newsome, Julie <Julie.Gess-Newsome@osucascades.edu>
Subject: RE: Letter of support for elementary ed program

I appreciate the emphasis on math but is it enough? As I look back historically, the quality of math instruction trails behind reading and writing. No easy solution here.

Perhaps we can help with our recent emphasis at CCSD on math instruction improvement for OSU credit. Wish you well!

From: Gess-Newsome, Julie
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 9:53 AM
To: 'Duane Yecha' <Duane.Yecha@crookcounty.k12.or.us>
Subject: RE: Letter of support for elementary ed program

Thanks Duane,

We've added three math courses (with some methods) and two math methods courses. That's 4 courses up from our MAT program. Hopefully when we fill out the STEM specialty, we will add courses similar to what Melinda is teaching for you now.

Thanks for the input!

Julie