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MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents of Schools, Charter School Leaders
From: Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D., Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education
Date: August 20, 2010
Subject: Nomination for the Educator Licensure Review Panel

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is currently seeking candidates for appointment to the Educator Licensure Review Panel.

The Review Panel was established by the Board of Education in August of 1987 through an amendment to the Regulations for Certification of Educational Personnel "to provide an alternative route to educator certification for candidates with substantial experience and formal education relevant to the license sought but who do not meet all of the specific certification requirements listed in 603 CMR 7.10." Accordingly, the Review Panel meets twice each month to interview applicants for administrator licenses and, in some rare cases, applicants for professional support licenses. After the interviews the Review Panel makes recommendations to the Commissioner to either license an applicant, not license an applicant, or modify the licensure requirements.

Currently there are 10 active Review Panel members, including superintendents, college/university officials, the executive director of the Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials and an expert on professional school support personnel. I would like to expand the membership to include administrators from the vocational education and charter school communities as well as additional representatives of general education. I am seeking your assistance in this effort, and ask that you nominate candidates for appointment or submit your own name for consideration.

Membership on the Review Panel is an unpaid volunteer position that requires preparation time as well as time for interviewing applicants. Notwithstanding, Review Panel members find the experience rewarding, and provide an invaluable service to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Please submit your nominations by returning the attached form before September 30, 2010 to the attention of Robert Johnson, Statewide Review Panel Coordinator at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, 75 Pleasant Street, Malden, MA 02148 or by faxing it to 781-338-3391 or by emailing it to rjohnson@doe.mass.edu.

Educator Licensure Review Panel

Panelist Nomination Form

Please complete the information requested below to indicate your interest in serving as a Review Panel member or your nominee.

Name of Nominee: _____

Contact Information: _____

Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Current Position: _____

School: _____

District: _____

Comments:

Nominated by: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

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