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Commissioner

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Dr. F. Javier Cevallos
President
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Dear President Cevallos:

Under the authority of the certification law (M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 38G), the Commissioner “may approve programs devoted to the preparation of teachers and other education personnel.” In support of this, Framingham State University underwent a formal review during the 2021-2022 academic year in accordance with the regulations outlined in [603 CMR 7.00](#) and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s (Department) [Guidelines for Program Approval](#).

In coordination with the leadership and staff at your organization, the Department was able to conduct a robust performance evaluation that included a document review, an assessment of available outcome data, and a virtual onsite visit during which we interviewed several stakeholder groups including recent program completers, current candidates, and your PK-12 partners.

Based on the evidence and judgments outlined within the enclosed Formal Review Report, I have determined that Framingham State University is granted **full approval**. A Sponsoring Organization that has been granted full approval is recognized by the state to have met all standards for preparing effective educators in Massachusetts. Candidates are well-served by this organization or program and receive a high-quality preparation experience. Attainment of full approval under the 2012 Program Approval Standards is a significant achievement. I extend my congratulations to you and the Framingham State University community for achieving full approval of your educator preparation programs.

This approval status is provided to your Sponsoring Organization overall. Your organization’s overall approval status affords you the authority and the responsibility as an educator preparation provider to continue to monitor and assess the efficacy of individual programs throughout the period of approval.

Given the status of approved, your organization is authorized to endorse candidates for licensure through August 31, 2029, with an anticipated review prior to that date.

In the event that your Sponsoring Organization ceases to meet the requirements set forth in [603 CMR 7.03 \(2\) through \(4\)](#) or the Department finds insufficient evidence of your ability to continue to meet standards at either the program or organization level, the Department may conduct an interim review on an as-needed basis at any interval during the seven-year review cycle.

During your period of approval, candidates must be endorsed electronically through the Department's Early ID system by the individual you have identified as responsible for completing an audit of each candidate's successful completion of all approved program requirements prior to endorsement. Transcripts of Framingham State University's candidates for licensure must include the following endorsement statement:

(This candidate) has completed a Massachusetts State approved program for licensure in (indicate field, level and type, e.g., Mathematics, 5-8, Initial) and is endorsed for licensure in this field under terms pursuant to the NASDTEC Interstate Agreement.

On behalf of the Commonwealth, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Framingham State University for its demonstrated commitment to effectively preparing educators for Massachusetts' schools.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey C. Riley
Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Enclosure: Framingham State University's Formal Review Report