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Letter of Support for the Proposed Master of Arts in TESOL and Bilingual Re: Education

It is my pleasure to provide full support for the proposed Master of Arts in TESOL and Bilingual Education which was developed by FAU's TESOL Professional Development Program and funded by US Department of Education. This new degree program will enable more south Florida teachers to get their ESOL endorsement, help our school district better achieve its goals for improving the education of our growing population of English and dual language learners, and address the critical shortage of Florida teachers with TESOL and bilingual certification.

The Multicultural and ESOL programs in the School District of Palm Beach County recognizes the valuable efforts of FAU's TESOL PDP faculty and wishes them success in getting this new degree program approved.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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Re: Letter of Support for the Proposed Master of Arts in TESOL and Bilingual Education

It is my pleasure to provide full support for the proposed Master of Arts in Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) and Bilingual Education which was developed by Florida Atlantic University's (FAU) TESOL Professional Development Program (PDP) and funded by United States Department of Education. This new degree program will enable more South Florida teachers to get their English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, help the Broward County School District better achieve its goals for improving the education of our growing population of English and dual language learners, and address the critical shortage of Florida teachers with TESOL and bilingual certification.

The Multicultural, ESOL and Program Services Department in our district recognizes the valuable efforts of FAU's TESOL PDP faculty and wishes them success in getting this new degree program approved.

Sincerely,

Sayra Velez Hughes

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