

**To: President Miller & Senior Staff**

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Since August 2007 the College of Education and Human Services has been in the process of reworking its curricula to meet PDE's Chapter 49-2 mandate. The two major issues driving 49-2 involved the inclusion of 12 semester hours of Special Education coursework into all teacher certification programs and the realignment of existing programs from Early Childhood and Elementary certification to PK-4 and 4-8. In addition, Special Education was modified, per Chapter 49-2, from a degree to a teacher certification only program.

To date all changes have been approved by PASSHE and will soon be reviewed by PDE (March 2009). Pending PDE approval it is anticipated that new programs will be formally offered to students in Fall 2009.

To complete the process the following changes to departments and department names is requested. While departments will be reconfigured there will be no additional costs i.e., secretarial support. Changes in department names were made to reflect teacher certification areas identified by PDE.

Approval to make the following changes is thus being sought:

1. The Department of Early Childhood and Special Education will split into two departments.	Department of PreK-4/Early Childhood Education  Department of Special Education
2. The Department of Educational Foundations will be dissolved.	Faculty will be reassigned to one of the above departments.
3. The Department of Elementary Education will be renamed.	Department of Elementary and Middle Level Education
4. Adjustment in Department Chairs	Election for new Chair in the Department of Special Education - <i>Jane Penman</i>  Chair, Department of Early Childhood, PreK-4 Education will continue  Chair, Department of Educational Foundations will cease.