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Enclosure 8b
August 24, 2015

Ken Wagner
Commissioner

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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education
FROM: Ken Wagner, Commissioner *[Signature]*
RE: Approval of the Proposed Regenerated Early Childhood Content Knowledge Certification Test and Passing Score

The Regulations Governing the Certification of Educators in Rhode Island requires RIDE to seek Council approval to adopt new or revised certification tests and passing scores that are required for initial licensure.

Educational Testing Service (ETS) provides most RI licensure tests and has revised an additional test to ensure currency with the field. A Rhode Island educator participated in the validation study for the revised test and RIDE staff has reviewed the standard setting process.

At the June 9, 2015, meeting of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education, the Council approved, for the purpose of public review and comment, the proposed standard-setting cut-score for the Early Childhood Content Knowledge (5025) regenerated certification test for a period of thirty-days.

During the thirty-day public comment and review period, RIDE received two comments (see attached summary).

Regenerated Certification Test	Recommended Multi-State Standard-Setting Cut-Score
Early Childhood Content Knowledge (5025)	156

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves the proposed regenerated Early Childhood Content Knowledge Certification Test and Passing Score, as presented.



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Public Comment Summary

RIDE requested permission from the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education to seek public comment on the test identified below.

Two individuals submitted comments. They are provided in the chart below.

Test	Comment
Early Childhood Content Knowledge (5025)	1. I think it is a good idea especially with the required training, student teaching and schooling. The reduced score should be considered because high-stake testing should not preclude practicing student teachers from fulfilling their dream of becoming a teacher especially when GPA is 3.75 or higher.
	2. Does RI get any of the money from ETS for the test?