

Missouri NEA MACCE Report
*Notes from the April 4, 2022 meeting of the
Missouri Advisory Council of Certification for Educators
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*

Alison O'Very, MNEA member from Pattonville, is MACCE chairperson for 2021-22. Other MNEA representatives on MACCE are Jenna Adkins (Raytown NEA), Kyla Ward (Park Hill NEA), Jacqueline McGill (Hazelwood NEA), Rachele Banhart (Lexington), Amy Taylor (Lee's Summit).

Educator Preparation Updates

Dr. Daryl Fridley, DESE Coordinator of Educator Preparation, reported preliminary results from new educator certification tests. Dr. Fridley and DESE staff are closely monitoring the results of the new exams (required by the legislature) to verify that highly qualified candidates are receiving certification, while ensuring that the tests are not unnecessarily excluding qualified candidates. The candidate pass rates on the Humanities exam are down sharply and DESE is working with the test creator on several test items.

Substitute Certification

Dr. Fridley informed the committee that DESE is evaluating new online vendors for substitute certification.

Teacher Development Updates

Bobbie Jo Lewis, DESE Director of Office of Educator Quality Teacher Development, updated the committee on a variety of programs: Teacher of the Year, Milken Award, Teacher Academy, and Beginning Teacher Assistance.

Fast Track Program

Margery Tanner, DESE Coordinator of Educator Certification, briefed the committee on the Fast Track Program administered by the Missouri Department of Higher Ed and Workforce Development. The program provides tuition grants for adults that have not earned a bachelor's degree and remain employed in Missouri for three years after graduation. Teacher education candidates are among the top 5% in the program. More information [here](#).

The next MACCE meeting will be held on September 12, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact Rebeka McIntosh or Ann Jarrett at 800-392-0236. Details of MACCE agenda items can be found at: <https://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/certification/macce-news-and-updates>

Respectfully submitted,

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