MEMORANDUM

TO: Donna Wiseman  
Dean, College of Education

FROM: Elizabeth Beise  
Associate Provost for Academic Planning and Programs

SUBJECT: Proposal to Suspend the M.Ed. in Special Education Specialization in Secondary/Middle Generic Certification: Grades 6-12 (PCC log no. 13071)

The proposal to suspend the M.Ed. in Special Education Specialization in Secondary/Middle Generic Certification, Grades 6-12, has been administratively approved. A copy of the approved proposal is attached.

The change is effective immediately. Please ensure that the change is fully described in all relevant descriptive materials.

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Enclosure

cc: Marilee Lindemann, Chair, Senate PCC Committee  
Barbara Gill, Office of Student Financial Aid  
Reka Montfort, University Senate  
Erin Howard, Division of Information Technology  
Pam Phillips, Institutional Research, Planning & Assessment  
Anne Turkos, University Archives  
Linda Yokoi, Office of the Registrar  
Alex Chen, Graduate School  
Maggie McLaughlin, College of Education  
Robert Lent, Department of Counseling, Higher Education, and Special Education
Suspension of the 1- and 2- year M.Ed. in Special Education Secondary/Middle Generic Certification: Grades 6-12. We are requesting that this program be suspended due to low enrollment (i.e., 4 students in 2011, 3 students in 2012, and 2 students in 2013) and the need to revise the program to align with changes in the field, including the Common Core State Standards and the revised Council for Exceptional Children Initial and Advanced Standards for the Preparation of Special Educators (2012). The suspension will provide the time necessary for the program revisions and to explore recruitment strategies and opportunities. The suspension will not affect the students currently in the program as all the required courses will continue to be offered until the students complete the program. This program is critical to the state because special education has been identified as a critical shortage area in the state of Maryland for secondary/adult (from 6-adult).