



## Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

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Commissioner

January 11, 2016

Catherine Brine  
Executive Director  
Catherine Leahy Brine Educational Consultants, Inc.  
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Dear Ms. Brine,

Under the authority of the certification law (M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 38G), the Commissioner "may approve programs devoted to the preparation of teachers and other education personnel." In support of this, Catherine Leahy Brine Educational Consultants, Inc. underwent a formal review during the 2014-2015 academic year in accordance with the regulations outlined in 603 CMR 7.00 and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's (ESE) Guidelines for Program Approval.

In coordination with the leadership and staff at your organization, ESE was able to conduct a robust performance evaluation that included a document review, an assessment of available outcome data, and an onsite visit during which we interviewed several stakeholder groups including recent program completers, current candidates, and your PK-12 partners.

I have reviewed the enclosed Formal Review Report and based on the evidence and judgments outlined within, have determined that Catherine Leahy Brine Educational Consultants, Inc. is granted **full approval**. A Sponsoring Organization that has been granted full approval is recognized by the state to have met all standards for preparing effective educators in Massachusetts. Attainment of full approval under the 2012 Program Approval Standards is a significant achievement. My congratulations to you and the Catherine Leahy Brine Educational Consultants, Inc. community for achieving full approval of your educator preparation programs.

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On behalf of the Commonwealth, I would like to take this opportunity to commend Catherine Leahy Brine Educational Consultants, Inc. for its demonstrated commitment to effectively preparing educators for Massachusetts' schools. I am grateful for your efforts and the resulting impact you have in supporting the success and achievement of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitchell D. Chester".

Mitchell D. Chester, Ed.D.  
Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education