



FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Provost Calandra Stringer  
FROM: Provost Jim Clark *J Clark*  
DATE: September 7, 2022

Thank you for being patient with my letter of support for TCC's development of two bachelors degrees in Education – Exceptional Student Education and Elementary Education. As Associate Vice President Jennifer Buchanan expressed on my behalf during your recent meeting, we do support your efforts to prepare qualified teachers to enter the workforce and do not have concerns that TCC programs would impact the FSU College of Education's ability to attract appropriate candidates to its programs in these areas.

However, I share the FSU College of Education's concern regarding the very limited number (37 ESE and 125 in Elementary Education) of district-approved classroom teachers who are qualified per Florida Department of Education to supervise teacher candidates during field experiences and internships in Leon County. I am encouraged to learn that you are aware of this limitation and do not plan to admit more students to your programs than those who are currently being served by the Flagler programs. In fact, you characterized the change from Flagler to TCC as a "hand-off" of their existing programs.

I also support the commitment you and Jennifer made for TCC and FSU to monitor the number of placements and to communicate regularly about admission targets in relation to the number of available placements in Leon County and the surrounding areas. None of our students are well-served if they are prevented from completing the pre-service field experiences required by the State in a timely manner.

I support TCC's development of the Business Administration BAS degree. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this letter of support.