

**Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board
Hartford, CT**

To: Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board

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Subject: Merging single-subject (blind) and single-subject (partially sighted) endorsement areas

Introduction:

In Connecticut, the single-subject (blind) and single-subject (partially sighted) special education endorsement areas are kept separate. The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) - the CAEP SPA for special education - does not separate the two specializations; the prevailing sentiment in the field is also that they should not be kept separate.

This proposal is to merge the single-subject (blind) and single-subject (partially sighted) special education endorsement areas into one endorsement area.

Rationale for Adopting this Proposal:

- This proposal seeks to modernize and align Connecticut with the approach taken by the CEC - as well as the majority of other states - on the certification of teachers of the blind and visually impaired.
- This proposal will help reduce barriers to entry and staffing of qualified educators in this field.
- Implementation of this proposal is feasible because the requirements for these two endorsement areas are already substantially similar; combining them will also make alignment to the CEC standards more straightforward (given the CEC does not distinguish between blind vs. partially sighted).

Conclusion:

It is recommended that the endorsement areas for single-subject (blind) and single-subject (partially-sighted) special education endorsement areas are combined.

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Attachment(s)

(Legislative or Regulatory Language to be considered would be placed here)