



*College of Education, Department of Literacy and Reading Education*

To: Dr. Lisa Kirtman, Dean of the College of Education

From: Dr. Rosario Ordonez-Jasis, Department Chair

Subject: MS in Literacy and Reading Education Chair's Response to COE Dean's Response

Date: April 2, 2025

We appreciate your thorough review of our Program Planning Review (PPR) reports and accompanying memorandum. In response to your comments, we offer the following summary.

A key strategic initiative at the University, College, and Department levels is the enhancement of alumni and stakeholder engagement to ensure program sustainability. Demonstrating this commitment to ongoing collaboration, the College of Education (COE) recently hosted a highly successful Alumni Basketball event. As you noted in your response, our department organized a pre-game reception for our Master of Science (MS) program alumni. This provided a valuable opportunity to reconnect and learn about the significant impact of their professional contributions in literacy leadership. Furthermore, we are pleased to announce the launch of the Literacy and Leadership Alumni Network, a professional community designed to offer targeted professional development to literacy educators and leaders. This network will collaborate with the Reading Educators Guild (REG), our alumni association, to facilitate professional and social events. We acknowledge and thank you for your support in advancing alumni relations for our COE programs.

We welcome the opportunity to further discuss the evaluation of the MS in Literacy and Reading Education program. We look forward to a productive dialogue with you and Provost Amir Dabirian regarding this response and any related inquiries