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To: Dean Dr. Lisa Kirtman, College of Education

From: Dr. Mark Ellis, Secondary Education Department Chair

Subject: Secondary Education Chair's Response to COE Dean's Response to MSTT PPR report

Date: March 17, 2025

Thank you for taking the time to read and respond to our PPR report and the department's response memo. Below I have provided responses to specific comments/questions in your response document. We appreciate your continued support of the MSTT program. Should the opportunity arise, we look forward to discussing the program with you and the Provost.

What follows are responses to the questions/recommendations from your response document:

Section I:

The graduate program faculty plan to start the focus group interviews and survey with program completers this spring at the MSTT Conference in April 2025.

Section III:

The National Board coach work is funded with online course fees. This role is budgeted to be an annual expenditure.

Section IV:

We agree that only if there is program growth (i.e., starting a second cohort annually) could we justify a tenure-track hire for the graduate program. Current student needs are being met with existing faculty expertise and the hiring of a National Board coach.

Section V and VII:

In addition to graduate program faculty planning activities aimed at alumni networking, we will discuss with Amir Woods the possibility of a college-wide graduate alumni network.



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