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To: Ohio Educator Preparation Programs
From: Dr. Krista Maxson – Ohio Department of Higher Education
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Re: PK-8 license development and PK-5 and 4-9 license retirement

Date: October 2024

The purpose of this memo is to detail the timeline for the development of the PK-8 Standards by the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE), the initial availability of the PK-8 license by the State Board of Education (SBOE), and the retirement of the PK-5 and 4-9 licenses.

- 1) PK-8 Program Standards are expected to be developed by ODHE by June 2025.
- 2) Educator Preparation programs (EPP) PK-8 program review by ODHE will begin by spring 2027.
- 3) Development of the new Ohio Assessment for Educators Assessment of Professional Knowledge and PK-8 Content Assessment by Evaluation Systems of Pearson will be completed by February/March 2027.
- 4) EPPs begin accepting incoming first-year students into a PK-8 program in fall semester 2027.
- 5) SBOE retires the PK-5 and 4-9 licenses on December 31, 2031. This is five years after the last student would have entered a PK-5 program in fall semester 2026.