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Dear Program Directors,

We are writing today to address the recent notification shared by the American Montessori Society (AMS) pertaining to no longer requiring accreditation by MACTE for certain programs. The MACTE office has been receiving numerous inquiries about the policy changes and we wanted to share what we know. We will be having discussions about the implications of these changes with our Board at the upcoming meeting.

Based on the information AMS shared with MACTE, we know the AMS policy changes will no longer require MACTE accreditation for two specific types of teacher education programs (you may refer to AMS for their outlined details). The changes were the result of an internal discussion at AMS and were passed by the AMS board during their meeting on July 23-24. On August 2nd, AMS had a Zoom meeting with MACTE to inform us of the policy changes. We have told AMS that we will add their policy changes to our August 16th MACTE Board meeting for discussion along with the scheduled accreditation decisions.

MACTE will continue to maintain our close working relationship with AMS. We will also continue collaborating with other accrediting agencies and examining how we can best support adult learners through the work that we do. MACTE will continue its support of the work for recognition of a credential from a MACTE accredited teacher education program for state licensure. We remain committed to promoting the value of accreditation and supporting our accredited programs who are dedicated to preparing competent, caring, and qualified Montessori teachers. We are excited about the continued advancement of Montessori around the world and are grateful for the dedication we regularly witness from all of you.

Should you have any questions about what we have shared in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact the MACTE office.

With gratitude,

Dr. Rebecca Pelton and the MACTE team