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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the School of Education at Dominican University to provide verification regarding graduate credit awarded for continuing education coursework offered through Dominican University in partnership with The Connecting Link.

Dominican University is a regionally accredited institution of higher education. Courses offered for Dominican graduate credit through this partnership are reviewed and approved by the University, and successful completion is documented as graduate-level academic credit on an official Dominican University transcript.

The graduate credit awarded for these courses is degree-eligible and may be applied as graduate elective credit toward Dominican University's Master of Arts in Education (MAEd) program, subject to the requirements of the degree program.

Dominican University also reviews and approves the instructors teaching these courses through its faculty qualification process. The approved instructor is responsible for the academic oversight of the course, including providing instruction and instructional support, evaluating participant work, providing individualized written feedback aligned with course objectives, and determining and assigning the final course grade. Dominican University maintains documentation of instructor qualifications and academic oversight of the courses.

This letter is provided in response to Illinois Public Act 104-0795 and is intended to verify Dominican University's academic practices and the nature of the graduate credit awarded for these courses. Individual school districts, special education cooperatives, and other public educational employers may establish their own processes and documentation requirements for salary advancement.

Please contact the School of Education if additional institutional verification is required.

Sincerely,

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