BACKGROUND AND REQUEST

MUSKINGUM UNIVERSITY
Educational Leadership Program leading to Administrative Specialist License (PK-12) – School Community Relations

RECOMMENDATION

This endorsement meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for an educational program leading to the Administrative Specialist License (PK-12) in School Community Relations. No major concerns were identified in the review. Approval is recommended for a three-year period of time until 2013. It should be noted that the program is subject to periodic review by the Chancellor to ensure that the standards for Ohio licensure continue to be met.

Profile: Muskingum University is a private, non-profit university established in 1837 and located in New Concord, Ohio. Muskingum University has more than 2200 students in undergraduate and graduate degree programs, including multiple majors in preK-12 education leading to provisional licensure in Ohio and preparation for educational leaders in various specializations.

Accreditation/Authorization: The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association (HLC) regionally accredits the institution. Muskingum University is HLC accredited until its next scheduled review in 2013. The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) accredits Muskingum University's educator preparation programs at the initial and advanced level. The next NCATE accreditation review is scheduled for fall of 2010.

Request: Muskingum University requests approval for an Educational Leadership Program leading to the Administrative Specialist License (PK-12) in School Community Relations.

Background: The Educational Leadership Program enables participants to gain conceptual, technical and theoretical knowledge in organizational management and community relations. Foundation areas of the program include communications and advocacy, public relations, leadership development, ethics and decision-making strategies. In addition to the master's degree, applicants for the program must have a current principal's license or certificate from Ohio or another state. Students complete 16 semester hours at the post-graduate level, including a one-semester hour internship.

Recommendation to the Chancellor: This endorsement meets the Chancellor's requirements for program approval and the State Board of Education's minimum standards for an educational program leading to the Administrative Specialist License (PK-12) in School Community Relations. No major concerns were identified in the review. Approval is recommended for a three-year period of time until 2013. It should be noted that the program is subject to periodic review by the Chancellor to ensure that the standards for Ohio licensure continue to be met.

End of Comment Period: September 22, 2010
No comments received, recommend approval

APPROVED	
	9/27/10
Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor	Date

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