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MACTE 2010 Legislative Platform

As leaders in teacher education, MACTE serves all learners in an ever-changing society through its commitment to high and consistent standards for every teacher. MACTE recommends passage of legislation for these critical areas of teacher preparation.

1. Use multiple measures for assessing potential teachers.

Professional education and testing organizations agree that multiple forms of assessment must be used when making high-stakes decisions. This is especially important as we collaborate to diversify our teacher workforce.

- Support legislation to ensure multiple measures are used to assess the potential of all applicants for teacher preparation programs.

- Support legislation to ensure multiple measures are used to assess the pedagogical, content, and applied knowledge of all teacher candidates before they are licensed.

2. Create opportunities for educational innovation and continuous improvement.

Teacher preparation needs the opportunity to develop creative solutions in cooperation with school districts to help alleviate shortages while maintaining quality standards for education personnel.

- Support legislation that provides opportunities for all teacher preparation programs to engage in innovation and continuous improvement while maintaining high standards for teacher effectiveness.

3. Create common expectations for ALL beginning teachers seeking licensure.

MACTE is committed to working with agencies and organizations to ensure all candidates are fully prepared to be effective beginning teachers upon receiving their initial teaching license.

- Support legislation that enforces common expectations for all beginning teachers seeking licensure.

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