



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Patricia I. Wright, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Public Instruction

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
P.O. BOX 2120
Richmond, Virginia 23218-2120

Office: (804) 225-2023
Fax: (804) 371-2099

January 3, 2012

COPY

Mr. Loren E. Swartzendruber
President
Eastern Mennonite University
1200 Park Road
Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802

Dear President Swartzendruber:

I am pleased to inform you that on November 17, 2011, the Virginia Board of Education approved the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's (ABTEL) recommendation to grant education programs at Eastern Mennonite University the "Approved" status. The list of approved education programs by endorsement areas is enclosed.

The *Regulations Governing the Review and Approval of Education Programs in Virginia* (8VAC20-542-10 et seq.), effective September 21, 2007, and amended January 19, 2011, require colleges and universities that offer programs for the preparation of professional school personnel to obtain education program (endorsement area) approval from the Board of Education. The approval of education programs includes the review of biennial reporting of the seven accountability measures and program alignment with endorsement area competencies as outlined in "8VAC20-542-50 and 70" of the regulations. Based on the report of the biennial accountability measures for September 1, 2009, to August 31, 2011, each program endorsement area must receive one of the following three ratings by the Board of Education: *Approved*, *Approved with Stipulations*, or *Approval Denied*. Eastern Mennonite University met all criteria for education programs.

Please convey our congratulations to the faculty, staff, and students in the Education Department for their achievement. If you have questions regarding the Board's decision, please contact Mrs. Patty S. Pitts, assistant superintendent, Division of Teacher Education and Licensure, at (804) 371-2522 or e-mail: Patty.Pitts@doe.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

Patricia I. Wright

PIW/jyc
Enclosure

c: ✓ Dr. Cathy Smeltzer Erb
Mrs. Patty S. Pitts
Dr. JoAnne Y. Carver

EASTERN MENNONITE UNIVERSITY

Early/Primary Education PreK-3

Elementary Education PreK-6

Reading Specialist

Spanish PreK-12

Visual Arts PreK-12

English as a Second Language PreK-12

Health and Physical Education PreK-12

Music Education - Instrumental PreK-12

Music Education - Vocal/Choral PreK-12

Theatre Arts PreK-12

Computer Science

English

History and Social Sciences

Mathematics

Science - Biology

Science - Chemistry

Special Education - General Curriculum K-12