



July 7, 2020

James D. Fielder, Jr., PhD
Secretary
Maryland Higher Education Commission
6 N. Liberty Street, 10th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21201

Dear Dr. Fielder:

On behalf of Provost Sunil Kumar, Dean Chris Morphew and our School of Education, I write to request your review and endorsement of the enclosed proposal. The School of Education proposes a new **M.S. in Education Policy**.

The proposed program is designed as a response to a core shift in the nature of education policy in the last two decades since the passage of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation—a shift that is accelerating. State education agencies, and large urban districts, have needed to remake themselves from essentially compliance organizations (ones ensuring that regulations are met and supporting data are collected) to innovative, policy-initiating and -implementing agencies (ones that are acting within complex political, economic and social environments).

The proposed program is consistent with the Johns Hopkins mission and the State of Maryland's Plan for Postsecondary Education. The proposal is fully endorsed by The Johns Hopkins University.

A business check for the review of this proposal has been sent to the Commission. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Natalie Lopez at (410) 516-6430 or nlopez13@jhu.edu. Thank you for your support of Johns Hopkins University.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Janet Schreck".

Janet Simon Schreck, PhD
Associate Vice Provost for Education

cc: Dr. Sunil Kumar
Ms. Natalie Lopez

Enclosures