

Ohio Federation of Teachers Ed Issues Committee

SUPPORTING OHIO RESIDENT EDUCATOR PROGRAM

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WHEREAS,the Ohio Resident Educator Program (OREP) began in 2011, and is a comprehensive, four-year program of support to assist beginning teachers with mentoring and professional development as they start their education careers, and

WHEREAS,the Ohio Resident Educator Program can be envisioned as the first steps on a professional pathway to continued professional learning, leading educators to more effective practices and excellence in learning, and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) has revised the yearly program components; including a retooling of the Resident Educator Summative Assessment, and

WHEREAS, the research on teacher development is at the forefront of the OREP standards, and

WHEREAS, mentor/mentee studies of instructional practices have shown to have reciprocal benefits for the resident educator and instruction mentor and positive effects on improved student achievement, and

WHEREAS, the components of OREP are aligned with the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) with focus areas being stressed for lesson reflection, professional collaboration and communications, use of formative and summative assessment as best practices, and yearly professional planning and goal-setting; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED the OFT advocates for the time needed for OREP participantsto adapt to the program changes;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ohio Department of Education to provide funding to maintain OREP;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the OFT supports the Ohio Resident Educator Program as revised in order to continue to support teachers with resident educator licensure.