To: Sharon Lafollette
From: James Ermatinger, Interim Dean of Education and Human Services
Date: January 28, 2013
RE: Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership

I have reviewed the proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Teacher Leadership from the Department of Educational Leadership and endorse it. The proposed certificate will use existing courses in the MTL program and will allow the department to market its program to potential students who may not wish to complete the complete MTL degree. Currently teachers are not required to complete a complete degree program but rather are interested in continuing their education through just course work or certificates. The department has the capacity to accept students into these courses. Since this program does not require additional resources I believe it is a good opportunity for our students.

The courses are currently being offered as part of the MTL degree program. There is the possibility that these students will then decide to enroll in the degree program in the future. The completed certificate will be less than 1/3 of the degree program.