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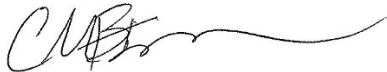
Dear Ms. Smith:

Subject: Agriculture (7-12) degree program changes

This letter is to inform you of changes made to the Agriculture (7-12) educator preparation program at the University of Arkansas. Recently, the University Teaching and Education Board voted unanimously to remove the Praxis Core Test as a requirement for entry into the teacher education program at the university. Accordingly, the faculty in the Agricultural Education program removed the requirement from our degree program as well. Additionally, the Office of Teacher Education removed the Praxis Principles of Learning and Teaching as the primary assessment for pedagogy. In its place, we are transitioning to a different assessment outside of the PLT, which will be a program requirement

These changes have been noted in our degree plans and have been moved through the university Courseleaf system, however, we need to have the Praxis Core change registered with Division of Elementary and Secondary Education. I was informed that this letter stating the change and justification would be sufficient. Please let me know what questions or concerns you have. I may be reached by telephone at 479-575-2037, or by email at [estepp@uark.edu](mailto:estepp@uark.edu). I appreciate your help with this matter.

Sincerely,



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