December 8, 2010

MEMORANDUM

To:

From: Scott Page, Coordinator

RE: License and Test Changes

Two changes have occurred within the last year that will have an effect on you. The Board of Teaching has changed the licensure rules and the licensure test.

**Licensure Rules**

Beginning July 1, 2010, candidates will be able to apply for a stand-alone K-6 license. However, you may have already taken the 5-8 Middle School specialty course work. If you have, you may choose to take the specialty area test to earn the endorsement. It is very important that you take the exam and to apply for licensure before August 31, 2012. Beginning September 1, 2012, only recommendations for K-6 licensure based on new rules will be processed.

**Licensure Tests**

Licensure tests have changed; starting September 1, 2010, the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Exam (MTLE) was introduced. The MTLE is aligned to new reading and technology standards. The exam that you take in the future may contain reading and technology standards that were not included in your licensure program.

However, if you take the MTLE test between September 1, 2010, and February 1, 2012, the score relating to the new reading standards will not be factored into the passing score. Test items relating to old reading standards will be factored in. Beginning February 1, 2012, all reading test items will be factored into the passing score.

Please note that if you have not applied for licensure prior to September 1, 2012, you will be held to all new licensure standards and testing requirements.

**What if I took a Praxis test and passed? Will I have to take an MTLE test?**

*Once the MTLE tests are launched on September 1, 2010, candidates cannot take the Praxis for Minnesota licensure. However, if you have a passing score from a test taken prior to September 1, 2010, the BOT will accept the scores for the time periods listed below:*

*If you complete a Minnesota licensure program between September 1, 2010, and August 31, 2012, the Board of Teaching will accept passing scores for tests taken prior to September 1, 2010, on the following tests:*
• Praxis basic skills tests (reading, writing, mathematics) until December 31, 2015. Beginning January 1, 2016, only MTLE basic skills passing scores will be accepted.
• Praxis pedagogy and content knowledge tests will be accepted until December 31, 2015. Beginning January 1, 2016, only MTLE pedagogy and content knowledge passing scores will be accepted.

For additional information concern the Minnesota Teacher Licensure Exam please visit: 
http://ed.mnsu.edu/advising/mtle.html

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.