

Truman State University
School of Health Sciences & Education
Department of Education

Proposed Master of Arts in
School Counseling Program

Letter of Support

MEMO

To: The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

From: Sam Minner, Ph.D.

Date: May 28, 2009

RE: Truman School Counseling Program

I am writing in strong and unequivocal support of the application submitted by Dr. Chris Maglio on behalf of Truman State University to reinstate our program in school counseling. For many years, Truman offered a professional program in counseling and it was one of our premiere graduate programs. Program outcomes were exemplary, graduates had numerous job offers in high-performing agencies and schools, and some graduates went on to advanced study at the doctoral level. The decision to temporarily suspend the program was a difficult one and one we would not have made had we not been facing some rather severe fiscal challenges.

Dr. Maglio has revised the program in school counseling to reflect the new DESE standards. We have surveyed local schools and there is an exceptionally high need for the program. I am confident that we can deliver a high-quality program in school counseling and I am so pleased that we are doing this. It is my hope that we will be able to reinstate additional counseling program tracks in the future, but for now, we are prepared to offer students the attached program in school counseling.

Our proposal has the full support of the entire Truman administration. I urge you to approve our application and I look forward to working with DESE to implement the program in the very near future. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

cc: Dr. Troy Paino, Provost
Dr. Wendy Miner, Chair
Dr. Maria DiStefano, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs