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Dr. Vernon Polite, Dean
College of Education
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310 Porter Building
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Dear Dr. Polite:

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and the Office of Professional Preparation Services are pleased to provide Eastern Michigan University's School of Education with an initial, three-year approval of its proposal for an experimental program for the preparation of teachers of Modern Standard Arabic and Arab Culture (FG/Other).

We wish your institution success in the implementation of this new teacher preparation program. We look forward to receiving the list of the teacher candidates in the first cohort. We anticipate that your office will send that list to Dr. Catherine Smith, at SmithCB@michigan.gov or fax 517-373-0542 as soon as possible, but no later than December 1, 2007.

Looking forward, the MDE anticipates the first annual outcome report of cohort progress by June 30, 2008, based on the conditions agreed upon in your October 15, 2006, letter to the MDE.

If you have other questions about experimental program details, please contact Dr. Smith at, 517/335-0874, or SmithCB@michigan.gov.

Sincerely,

Flora L. Jenkins, Ph.D.
Director
Office of Professional Preparation Services

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