Please add this to your RAC deliberations:

OEA is not in favor of removing the program requirement for adding the specialty endorsements of PE, Art and Music. These classic specialty areas have been placed in the same category of reading, ESOL and SPED specialties because they were set up to cover K-12 authorizations and were seen as subjects that required very concrete pedagogical skills over a range of developmental levels. Unlike the other subject areas, these specialty areas were seen as needing specialized and discreet training and skills. Other subject endorsements were alternatively seen as more focused on subject specific mastery...where an experienced teacher would appropriately be able to demonstrate expertise by subject test alone. PE continues to be a very vulnerable endorsement area where student safety could be compromised with an unprepared teacher. Music and the arts are also subjects that require skill based as well as pedagogically based expertise.

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