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Dear Colleagues,

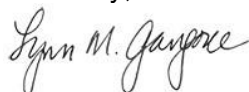
On behalf of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE), I write to express congratulations and support for the work that you are undertaking today and for the leadership of the Florida Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (FACTE) in convening this summit. AACTE is proud to support this event through its State Affiliate Organization Support Award program. FACTE leaders envisioned this summit more than a year ago, and their proposal for this summit was selected by their peers for support.

Recruiting and retaining a high-quality educator workforce is a complex and multi-faceted problem that educators and policymakers at all levels engage and take action. It challenges us to reexamine how educators are recruited and prepared, how schools are organized and staffed, and how educators can develop and advance throughout their careers. This work demands the collaborative effort that you are engaged in today, and I applaud you for it!

As you identify solutions and embark on new initiatives, AACTE stands ready to support and amplify your work. I look forward to learning about the solutions you identify.

Congratulations again to FACTE and best wishes for a successful summit.

Sincerely,



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