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As Acting Chair and director of the Department of History's secondary History and Social Sciences education program, I am writing to express our department's support for adding the LBS1 minor for education students. Based on feedback from our alumni and school partners, our program was one of the most enthusiastic supporters of adding SED 344 to the secondary education sequence for our majors. An opportunity for our teacher candidates to obtain the LBS1 endorsement would be another crucial step in preparing them for the teaching profession. Many secondary education teacher candidates find themselves working in co-taught classrooms and yet poorly prepared for working with students with special needs. The LBS1 minor will not only better prepare them for today's educational environments, but the addition of the minor will also make our alumni more marketable throughout the state and beyond and enhance the reputation of Illinois State in teacher education.

We support the current proposal without reservations and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard Hughes".

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