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To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to explain why it is believed that alternative program teaching permits are effective. The Alternative Program Teaching Permit is issued to applicants who do not meet all requirements for a regular certificate and is valid for teaching only in the Nebraska school system requesting the issuance of such permit. The alternative program teaching permit is only needed for individuals who did not attend a Nebraska standard institution of higher education or who are applying for a teaching permit and have not completed the requirements of a teacher preparation program or endorsement area.

The permit is issued for two years and are not renewable, however, the red-line version of Rule 21 does add additional pathways for this permit type along with allowing for renewal if adequate progress is made in the established program of study. The red-line version of Rule 21 is draft and will be presented to the state board for approval in the coming months.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions on this permit type. I can be reached at 402-471-0738 or at clayton.waddle@nebraska.gov.

Sincerely,

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