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Executive Director Global Faculty Organization 13514 Latrobe Lane Clarksburg, MD 20871

This is in response to your request for a "No Objection" letter from the Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), regarding the Global Faculty Organization establishing an international exchange teacher program in our state, which allows foreign K–12 teachers to obtain J-1 teacher visas to work from 1–5 years, in a Washington school.

The certificate application process begins at the school level and once submitted, continues by The candidate applying for the Conditional Certificate. Upon meeting all certification requirements and issuance of the Conditional Certificate, OSPI has no objection to placing international exchange teachers in a *Washington School*.

Requirements for a J-1 Visa may be found on the <u>OSPI International Education Page and</u> requirements for the <u>Conditional Certificate</u> may be found on the OSPI Certification page. The Conditional Certificate is valid for two years and may be renewed upon request by the employing school.

Providing this No Objection letter does not constitute the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction's endorsement of Global Faculty Organization or its program.

If you have further questions of comments, please contact me at 360-725-6400 or by email at timothy.york@k12.wa.us

Sincerely,

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