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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

***NCTQ to Release New Report Ranking Teacher Preparation Programs for Undergraduate Elementary School Teachers***

***Media Availability With NCTQ President Kate Walsh Scheduled in Advance of Release***

***Note: New Release Date is Thursday, December 8th, 2016***

**WHO:** National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ), a non-partisan research and policy organization dedicated to ensuring every classroom has a high quality teacher.

**What:** NCTQ's Teacher Prep Review coming out on December 8th (previously December 6th) which will rate undergraduate programs that prepare elementary school teachers, is a follow up to the June 2014 report that found that although a movement to tackle the quality of teacher preparation has gained momentum, undergraduate programs still have a long way to go in preparing our nation's elementary teachers. Over the next two years NCTQ will detail the landscape of U.S. teacher preparation by releasing program rankings of undergraduate elementary (December 2016), undergraduate secondary (Spring 2017), graduate and nontraditional elementary (Fall 2017), and graduate and nontraditional secondary (Spring 2018).

**When:** **RELEASE DATE** of Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 12:01am/ET.

**MEDIA AVAILABILITY WITH NCTQ PRESIDENT KATE WALSH,** Wednesday, December 7th from 2:00 - 2:45 PM ET. Statements are embargoed for release on December 8th, 2016 at 12:01am/ET.

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**About the National Council on Teacher Quality:**

*The National Council on Teacher Quality is a nonpartisan research and policy group, committed to modernizing the teaching profession and based on the belief that all children deserve effective teachers. We recognize that it is not teachers who bear responsibility for their profession's many challenges, but the institutions with the greatest authority and influence over teachers. More information about NCTQ can be found on our website, [www.nctq.org](http://www.nctq.org).*