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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

***New NCTQ Report Evaluates Undergraduate Programs That Prepare High School Teachers***

***Media Availability with NCTQ President Kate Walsh Scheduled***

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

**What:** NCTQ's new rankings of programs preparing high school teachers will follow up its [December release of elementary teachers' program rankings](#). These rankings will reveal the top and bottom teacher training programs in the nation, what makes some programs successful, and how secondary programs have changed since NCTQ last reviewed them in 2014. This report is the only comparison of teacher preparation programs across the nation and highlights the urgent need for many of these programs to improve. It evaluates these programs on their coverage of key topics in teaching, inclusion of subject-specific content, selection of aspiring teachers, and student teaching requirements, among others.

**When: RELEASE DATE** of Thursday, May 11th, 2017, at 12:01am/ET

**MEDIA AVAILABILITY WITH NCTQ PRESIDENT KATE WALSH:** Join a conference call on Wednesday, May 10th, 2017, at 2:30pm/ET, where Walsh will summarize the key findings, explain how this report can guide programs' improvement efforts, and answer reporters' questions. Statements are embargoed for release on May 11th, 2017 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).*