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Dear Teacher Candidates:

Welcome to the Teacher Education Program of the Faculty of Education at the University of British Columbia. As Dean, I am delighted you are here and wish you all the best in your time here in the Faculty and in your chosen career. I was a classroom teacher for over 17 years and found it challenging, rewarding and a great deal of hard work!

This is the start of your path in a profession that is enormously demanding and carries considerable responsibility. You will assume a crucial and challenging role in the support, care and development of other people's children. Great teachers are remembered years later because of their influence on students' lives. As a teacher, you will have the power to spark life-long curiosity and learning strategies. It has often been said that it is the quality of the teacher that is the largest contributor to student growth.

We, in the Faculty of Education, are committed to providing the best possible preparation for you, our future teachers. It is our hope that you will find your time with us stimulating and rewarding. On behalf of the Faculty of Education, I congratulate you on your choice of a profession and wish you personal, academic and professional fulfillment and success as you begin the new academic year and the program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Blye W. Frank".

Blye Frank, PhD  
Dean of Education