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Teacher Education Accreditation Committee Elects 2010-11 Leaders

SACRAMENTO –The [Committee on Accreditation \(COA\)](#), at its June 24-25, 2010 meeting, elected two veteran educators to lead them in the upcoming fiscal year. **Dr. Carol Leighty**, recently retired Superintendent of Temecula Valley Unified School District and **Dr. Gary W. Kinsey**, Associate Dean College of Education and Integrative Studies at California Polytechnic University, Pomona, will conduct their first meeting as co-chairs on August 4, 2010.

Dr. Leighty, beginning her first term as co-chair, brings a wealth of experience as a teacher in San Diego schools, administrator in the San Diego Unified School District and Superintendent in Lakeside Union School District, Redondo Beach Unified School District and Temecula Valley Unified School District. She earned her Bachelor of Arts and Masters degrees from San Diego State University and her education doctorate from the University of Southern California. Leighty holds administrative, elementary and special education credentials with forty years in public education. She has been awarded numerous regional and statewide honors for her work in education.

Dr. Kinsey, entering his second year as co-chair, has a wide breadth of experience in K-12 education which ranges from high school teaching to serving as a school administrator. He joined the faculty of Cal Poly Pomona in 2001 and has served as the Associate Dean for the College of Education and Integrative Studies since 2006. He earned both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree from California State University, Fresno, a second Master's degree from the University of San Francisco, and a Doctorate of Education from the University of Southern California. Kinsey also holds administrative and secondary education credentials. He served as president of the California Association of Professors of Educational Administration and is President-Elect for the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration. Among numerous awards, Dr. Kinsey was recognized in 2008 as the California Professor of Education of the Year by the Association of California School Administrators.

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Oversight of the educator preparation accreditation system is the responsibility of the Committee on Accreditation.

The accreditation process is designed to assure the public that credential preparation programs are effectively training school personnel. The data-based system emphasizes accountability, quality, program assessment and ongoing improvement.

The twelve-member COA is carefully selected from a pool of distinguished educators who embody expertise, experiences, and commitment to California public education.

Committee Co-Chairs must represent K-12 public education and higher education and may serve two, one-year terms.

For more information about the Committee on Accreditation see:

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-about.html>

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