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### **Three Exemplary Educators Appointed to Committee on Accreditation**

RIVERSIDE -- The Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) has chosen three exemplary educators to join their veteran colleagues on the Committee on Accreditation (COA): **Joseph M. Jimenez**, Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) Induction Cluster Region Director for the Tulare County Office of Education; **Reyes Quezada, Ed.D.**, Associate Professor of Education at the University of San Diego; and **Gary Kinsey, Ed.D.**, Associate Dean, College of Education at Cal Poly Pomona University. The decisions were made at the Commission's April 11, 2008 meeting in Riverside. The COA is a statutory committee appointed by the Commission and charged with deciding the initial and continuing accreditation of educator preparation.

"We are very fortunate to have such dedicated and talented educators joining the COA," declared P. David Pearson, chair of the Commission. "The ideas and experience they bring to the COA are vital to the success of our new accreditation system. "

"Accreditation" is the approval process that all educator preparation programs undergo to prepare licensed educators in California. The revised educator preparation accreditation system focuses on the demonstrated competence of California's educators. The system features ongoing data collection and a 7-year cycle of activities, including at least one site visit. The Commission's Committee on Accreditation can determine at any point if program intervention or assistance is needed. The accreditation system's success is measured by the continuing viability of programs that produce effective educators for California's students.

**Jimenez, of Visalia**, brings a wealth of experience as a middle school teacher, a teacher in a migrant education program, associate director of the Central Valley Science Project, and most recently, as the BTSA Cluster Region Director for the Tulare County Office of Education. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Westmont College in Santa Barbara and a Master's Degree from Fresno Pacific University.

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Jimenez holds administrative, elementary and secondary credentials. He has been awarded numerous regional and statewide honors for his work in education including the California School Administrators Association Region 11, Administrator of the Year; the California Science Education Advisory Committee, Regional Administrator of the Year; and the California Staff Development Council's Lifetime Achievement Award.

**Quezada, of San Diego**, has been a teacher educator for over fourteen years. His current position at the University of San Diego is with the university's School of Leadership and Education Sciences in the Learning and Teaching Department. He began his career as an elementary teacher in a bilingual 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade program. His extensive experience in education also includes serving as a College Coordinator/Community College Counselor. His academic background includes a Bachelor's Degree from San Jose State University, two Master's Degrees, one from the University of San Diego and the second from San Diego State University and a Doctorate from Northern Arizona University. Quezada holds a Multiple Subject Teaching Credential as well as a California Community College Credential. He currently serves as the President of the California Council for Teacher Education.

**Kinsey, of Pomona**, has a breadth of experience in K-12 education which ranges from high school teaching to serving as a site administrator. He is currently an Associate Dean for the College of Education and Integrative Studies at Cal Poly Pomona where he has been responsible for the program's accreditation process, the implementation of the California Teaching Performance Assessment and, prior to that, the university's Liaison to the BTSA/Induction programs in the university service area. Kinsey earned a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree from California State University, Fresno, a second Master's Degree from the University of San Francisco, and a Doctorate from the University of Southern California. He holds a Single Subject Teaching Credential and an Administrative Services Credential. Kinsey currently serves as the President of the California Association of Professors of Educational Administration.

The Commission also appointed Marilyn E. Draheim, Ph.D., of Stockton to serve as an alternate on the COA.

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