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National Experts Featured at October 6 Seminar
*Linking Teaching with Learning:
Examining Value Added Assessment Methodology for California*

SACRAMENTO – The Commission on Teacher Credentialing and Policy Analysis for California Education present a one day seminar featuring nationally renowned education policy makers and researchers discussing the latest in the use of data to link teaching and learning. California policy makers, administrators, and teachers alike will find the seminar useful in providing the most up-to-date information on a growing trend in the use of education data.

Among the featured speakers are:
Eric Hanushek – Hoover Institution
Dan Goldhaber – University of Washington
Linda Darling-Hammond – Stanford University

This dynamic seminar offers research perspectives on value added assessment methodologies, examines current use, and explores their implications for policy in California. Afternoon break-out sessions will highlight Chris Cerf, New York City Department of Education; Daniel McCaffrey, RAND Corporation; Paula Cordeiro, University of San Diego; and Pete Goldschmidt, Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards & Student Testing – UCLA.

Value-added methods use data to link teaching and learning by tracking each student's academic growth over several years, and then use this data to estimate the contributions of each teacher to the growth observed. Value-added methods can also be used to measure the effect of specific teaching techniques, curriculum, and professional development on student academic achievement. Such methods hold promise, but remain controversial.

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During the seminar, value-added methods will be discussed from the perspectives of scholars, policymakers and current practitioners.

The seminar is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited and pre-registration is required. **The registration deadline is September 19, 2008.**

To register, go to: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/pdf/vam-registration.pdf>

SAVE THE DATE!!
October 6, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Department of Health Services Auditorium
1500 Capitol Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95811

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