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### **Secretary of Education Glen Thomas to Address Commission About California Education in Difficult Times**

SACRAMENTO – Secretary of Education, Glen Thomas, will discuss a vision for California education in difficult times with members of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing on June 4, 2009. Featured in Dr. Thomas’ remarks will be how federal stimulus funding will be best utilized.

Dr. Thomas has long been an advocate for strong teacher preparation and professional development. He supports parents as full partners in their children’s education and stresses the importance of early childhood education as well as career technical education. Dr. Thomas is a strong believer in evidence-based reforms with clear accountability for results both at the state and local levels.

Dr. Thomas brings to his office a wealth of experience as a classroom teacher, administrator and policy maker in California. Prior to accepting the post of Secretary for Education, he served for more than eight years as the Executive Director of the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, the operational network of California’s 58 constitutional county superintendents of schools. In addition, he has taught in the community college system and at the University of Southern California, Pepperdine University, and California State University, Sacramento.

Dr. Thomas’ address will begin at 9:00. Visitors are welcome to attend the meeting at 1900 Capitol Avenue. For those who cannot attend, a live web video stream of the meeting and the full meeting agenda are available at [www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov).

The full-day meeting includes several items for Commission action including proposed regulations for a “business and industry partnership” authorization for career technical education instruction and the consideration of an application for an eminence credential.

Audio transcripts of the Commission meeting, by item, will be available on the Commission’s web page ([www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov)) approximately one week after the meeting. (Just click on “Agendas and Minutes” in the left-hand column of the web page.)