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Professional Services Committee

Proposed Adoption of Program Standards for Administrative Services Credential (ASC) Clear Induction Programs

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Executive Summary: This item presents proposed program standards for the Administrative Services Credential Clear Induction program for possible adoption.

Policy Question: Do the revised Clear Induction Program standards fully meet the Commission's intent and expectations for the preparation of high quality, effective education leaders for California's schools?

Recommended Action: That the Commission adopt the proposed Administrative Services Credential Clear Induction program standards.

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Strategic Plan Goal:

II. Program Quality and Accountability

- ◆ Develop and maintain rigorous, meaningful, and relevant standards that drive program quality and effectiveness for the preparation of the education workforce and are responsive to the needs of California's diverse student population.

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Additional Information

After the agenda deadline, the Commission received additional suggestions from stakeholders concerning the proposed language of Standard 4: Coaching. Staff worked with stakeholders to address the concerns raised and present this alternative language for the Commission consideration and potential adoption. The additional proposed language to Standard 4 is included in this Agenda Insert in underlined text and that which is proposed for elimination is in ~~strikeout~~. For ease of reference, the entire text of the all of the proposed Administrative Services Clear Induction Standards is presented in this Agenda Insert.

Appendix B

Amended Draft Clear Induction Administrative Services Credential Program Standards

Category I: Program Design and Coordination

Standard 1: Program Design and Rationale

Induction is the support and guidance provided to novice educators in the early stages of their careers. California's Administrator Induction is an individualized, job-embedded, two-year program, with enrollment and initiation of coaching within 120 days of starting an initial administrative position. The design of the program is based on a sound rationale informed by theory and research, is primarily coaching-based, and includes personalized learning. Professional learning may be offered through formal and informal partnerships, complements and integrates school and/or district goals, and employs competency indicators that support a recommendation for the clear credential. The program design provides multiple opportunities for candidates to demonstrate growth and competence in the California Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (CPSEL) outlined in Standard 5.

The design of the program allows for enrollment within 120 days of starting an initial administrative position. Upon program completion, the Induction program sponsor certifies a candidate's ability to demonstrate the administrative and operational knowledge, skills and dispositions needed to effectively lead, manage, and improve educational organizations. Assessment of candidate competence is grounded in the proficiencies expressed in Standard 5 of the Administrative Services Credential Induction Program Standards.

Standard 2: Program Collaboration, Communication, and Coordination

The induction program formally collaborates with education organizations through partnership agreements to establish a professional education community structure that facilitates and supports induction activities. Each partner's contributions to the design and implementation of candidate preparation and certification are outlined through mutual contract/agreement. Induction programs maintain communication on a regular basis with their partners to ensure that each candidate builds a coherent individualized learning program.

The induction program identifies the individual responsible for program coordination, key personnel involved in program implementation, and the reporting relationships between the identified personnel. Program coordination includes admission, advisement, participant support and assessment, coach preparation, and program evaluation.

The induction program individualizes professional learning opportunities for each candidate and includes program, employer, partner and high quality professional learning approved by the provider, in support of Standard 5 outcomes. The program regularly assesses the quality of their professional learning offerings using criteria that includes participant feedback and direct observation of offerings. The program leaders provide formative feedback to professional learning providers on their work.

Standard 3: Selection and Training of Coaches

The induction program selects, prepares, assigns, supports, and supervises coaches, using well-defined criteria. Coaches receive initial training prior to being assigned to a candidate. Initial training includes the development of knowledge and skills of: coaching, goal setting, use of appropriate coaching instruments, and processes of formative and summative assessment designed to support candidate growth in the leadership competencies outlined in Standard 5 of the Administrative Services Credential Induction Program Standards.

The program provides ongoing training to refine coaching skills, engage in ongoing professional learning in current educational trends, research and policy changes. The program provides ongoing support for individual coaching challenges, reflection on coaching practice, and opportunities for networking with coaching peers. The program identifies and assigns one of its coaches to each candidate within the first 30 days of days of the candidate's admission to the program, matching the coach and candidate according to defined criteria. Clear procedures are in place for reassignment of coaches, if the candidate/coach pairing is not effective.

The program regularly assesses the quality of services provided by coaches to candidates, using criteria including participant feedback, direct observation of coaching, growth of candidate on established criteria, and compliance with program requirements. Induction program leaders provide formative feedback to coaches on their work.

Category II: The Nature of Induction

Standard 4: Professional Learning

The induction program is a composite of the key intersecting elements of individualized coaching, professional learning opportunities, and assessment of skills, dependent upon the identified needs of each candidate, and chronicled on a common document, the individual induction plan (IIP). The induction experience is informed by ongoing assessment and is cyclical in nature. Components include initial assessment, goal setting, a plan that incorporates coaching and professional learning opportunities, ongoing formative assessment and reflection, benchmark and summative assessment and reflects a minimum of 60 clock hours and a maximum of 90 clock hours annually.

A. The Individual Induction Plan (IIP)

The program provides candidates and coaches opportunities to collaboratively develop professional performance goals as part of an annual Individual Induction Plan (IIP), that is grounded in the outcomes of Standard 5, considers employer priorities and individual job responsibilities. The IIP serves as the blueprint for the full induction experience, outlining the components of the program that will enable the candidate to meet or exceed established performance goals. In accordance with Education Code 44270.1(a)(3), the IIP identifies individual needs, based on the candidate's assignment and prior professional experiences, including the assessment that occurs at the end of the preliminary program, if available. The program ensures that the IIP identifies specific performance outcomes and data to be collected to certify demonstration of candidate proficiency in the areas of leadership articulated in Standard 5

of the Administrative Services Credential Induction Program Standards. The IIP is a working document, periodically revisited for reflection and revision. The IIP supports both the coaching and professional learning aspects of the induction program.

B. Coaching

The program implements a research-based coaching model, with a sound rationale, that meets the individual needs of beginning administrators. Coaching is a process and service that is individualized for each candidate, with a common focus of developing leadership competency rather than completion of hours.

The coaching based induction program provides a minimum of forty hours of job-embedded coaching activities, including site visits, face-to-face meetings, and electronic conversations (e.g. telephone, computer applications) ~~in person, job-embedded, on-site coaching each year,~~ to support the development of leadership competencies. ~~In addition, coaching responds to the complexity of the candidate's administrative position, experience, background, and IIP goals. In order to provide each candidate with the coaching service needed to attain program outcomes, additional coaching hours are sometimes~~ may be required. Coaching is ~~also~~ regular, consistent, and ongoing throughout each year of the two-year program. ~~Coaching may be enhanced with technology supports, however it should be primarily in person and at the site.~~

The coaching process is one that requires confidential coach-candidate collaboration in self-assessment; investigation and data gathering regarding the circumstances and environment in which the candidate is embedded, and identification of candidate's experience, prior knowledge, and needs; goal setting, that intertwines job-embedded leadership performance with Category III, Standard 5 program outcomes; action planning to guide attainment of goals but which also identifies opportunities for both candidate growth and demonstration of program outcomes; observation and data gathering regarding learning, impact, and leadership performance; ongoing facilitated reflection, formative assessment, adaptation, anticipation, and development of leadership competence; and documentation of growth and attainment of Category III, Standard 5 program outcomes

C. Professional Development

The program provides professional development offerings (a minimum of 20-30 clock hours annually) addressing needs common to all beginning educational administrators as well as provides differentiated learning opportunities as outlined in the candidates' IIP. It includes reflection on current practice, direct instruction in research-based best practices, modeling, problem-based practice, and opportunities for planning and adaptation to current leadership responsibilities. Professional development provides opportunities for candidates to develop professional networks that share best practices and challenges and garner collegial support. All professional development is designed to support the application and demonstration of program competency outcomes articulated in Standard 5 of the Administrative Services Credential Induction Program Standards, and the attainment of the candidate's IIP goals.

D. Assessment

The induction program develops assessments to measure candidate competence and take into account the highly variable nature of administrative responsibilities. Assessment tools such as rubric based scales, are based on outcomes from Standard 5 of the Administrative Services Credential Induction Program Standards, identified by the program to measure leadership performance, and used to determine candidate growth and competence. Initial, formative, and summative assessments are collaborative, based on data gathered by the candidate, coach, and program.

The **initial induction** assessment is designed to measure a candidate's entry-level competence in each of the program-selected outcomes from Standard 5 of the Administrative Services Credential Induction Program Standards as baseline information that can be compared in future assessments to determine the candidate's growth over time and overall competency. The initial assessment is informed by multiple measures.

Formative assessment supports and informs candidates about their professional performance and growth as they reflect and improve upon their practice as part of a cycle of inquiry and continuous improvement. The formative assessment process engages the candidate in gathering evidence about his/her own leadership practice, promotes reflection, documents candidate learning and leadership impact, and identifies next steps in pursuit of IIP goals. It utilizes multiple measures such as self-assessment, observation, and analyses of leadership performance.

The program conducts a **benchmark** assessment midway through the program. This evaluates the candidate's progress toward demonstration of competence. The results of the benchmark assessment are reviewed with the candidate and recorded by the program, with prompt goal and/or IIP revisions, if necessary.

Prior to recommending each candidate for a Clear Administrative Services Credential, the program determines that each candidate has reached a level of competence meriting possession of a Clear Administrative Services Credential. This determination is based on a review of observed and documented evidence, collaboratively assembled by coach and candidate. This **summative** review includes a defensible process, an appeal process, and a procedure for candidates to repeat portions of the program as needed. The induction program sponsor and the coach verify that the candidate has met competency expectations for performance as outlined in Standard 5 of the Administrative Induction Program standards.

Category III: Performance Expectations for Leaders

Standard 5: California Professional Standards for Educational Leaders

Induction programs support candidate development and growth in the following areas of educational leadership, requiring documentation in at least one area of each subsection (e.g. A., B.,) for a minimum of six areas of competence.