
3D

Action

Professional Services Committee

Report to the Governor and the Legislature on the Study of Special Education Certification

AGENDA INSERT

Executive Summary: This item presents the mandated report to the Governor and the Legislature on Special Education Certification as required by the Commission and SB 1209 (Chap. 517, Stats. 2006).

Recommended Action: That the enclosed report be approved and forwarded to the Governor and Legislature.

Presenters: Jan Jones Wadsworth, Consultant and Michael McKibbin, Administrator, Professional Services Division

Strategic Plan Goal: 1

Promote educational excellence through the preparation and certification of professional educators.

- ◆ Sustain high quality standards for the preparation and performance of professional educators and for the accreditation of credential programs.

December 2007

Report to the Governor and the Legislature on the Study of Special Education Certification

As of December 3, 2007, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing received a total of 125 comments regarding the Draft Report on the Study of Special Education Certification. Twenty were in support of all 25 recommendations including the Education Specialist: Communication Development Credential and seventy four were specifically in support of the Education Specialist: Communication Development Credential. Thirty one comments were in opposition of the Education Specialist: Communication Development Credential.

Sample statement in support of the Draft Report of Special Education Certification and Education Specialist Communication Development Credential:

Due to the critical shortage of special education teachers in California we support the twenty-five recommendations contained in the report... Specifically, we support the certificate programs in the areas Physical and Health Impairments, as well as Deaf-Blind that can be added to the Moderate/Severe Specialist Credential. In addition, we support the continuation of both the Resource Specialist and the Early Childhood Certificate... We are in full support of the new Education Specialist Credential in the area of Language Development. This new credential will extend language-learning opportunities into a classroom situation by providing a new group of credentialed professionals with a background in language development to collaborate with speech language pathologists and to make the vital link between language development, academic instruction and remediation.

Individual/Organization in Support

| Name | Title | Organization/Affiliation |
|-----------------|--|--|
| Bob Wells | Executive Director | ACSA |
| Shar Herrera | Director of Special Program | Atwater Elementary School District |
| Lowell Billings | Superintendent | Chula Vista Elementary School District |
| Claudia Gray | Senior Director | East County SELPA |
| Gil Hassen | Superintendent | El Nido Elementary School District |
| Gary Lewis | Assistant Superintendent | Garden Grove USD |
| Nadine Bennett | Superintendent | Jamul Dulzura Union School District |
| Barbara Ward | Special Services Director | Los Banos USD |
| Charles Martin | Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services | Los Banos USD |
| Steve Tietjen | Superintendent | Los Banos USD |
| Shanna Spiva | HR Director | Los Banos USD |
| Susan Coston | Assistant Superintendent, Special Education | Merced County Office of Education |
| Peter Currer | Assistant Superintendent-SELPA | Modoc County Office of Education |
| Gary Jones | County Superintendent | Modoc County Office of Education |
| Lane Bates | Superintendent | Modoc Joint USD |

| Name | Title | Organization/Affiliation |
|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Carol Bartz | Senior Director | North Inland SELPA |
| Suzanne Nelson | Director | North Region SELPA |
| Glenn Sarot | Chairperson | SELPA Administrators |
| Penny Valentine | Senior Director | South County SELPA |
| Ronald Lopez | Director of Special Services | Sweetwater Union High |

Sample statement in *support* of the **Education Specialist Communication Development Credential:**

The establishment of an Education Specialist: Communication Development Credential will bridge the gap between the classroom teacher and the hard to find and expensive to afford situation that exists today...Many of the younger students in our schools would benefit from the services of a trained communications development specialist who is aware of the California Academic Content Standards and who can provide support for their needs. When developed, this credential will help relieve the acute shortage of Special Education teachers who are able to support the communication needs of students.

Individual/Organization in Support

| Name | Title | Organization/Affiliation |
|---------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| Christopher Van Zee | Superintendent | Adelanto School District |
| Donna Landry | HR Director | Adelanto School District |
| Rick Minnis | Chief Human Resources Officer | Alameda County Office of Education |
| Marla Stephenson | Assistant Superintendent | Albany USD |
| Michael Whisenand | HR Assistant Superintendent | Alta Loma School District |
| Esteban Kuzardo | President | Board of Education, Pasadena USD |
| Susan Burr | Executive Director | CCSESA |
| Diane Scheerhorn | Superintendent | Centralia School District |
| Joseph Ovick | Superintendent | Contra Costa County Office of Education |
| Sheri Loewenstein | Superintendent | Cypress School District |
| Donna DeMartini | Director of Special Services | East Side Union High |
| Clif Black | Superintendent | Evergreen School District |
| James Whitlock | Assistant Superintendent | Fallbrook Union Elementary |
| Steve Lund | Superintendent | Fort Bragg USD |
| Marc Ecker | Superintendent | Fountain Valley School District |
| Elizabeth Modena | Superintendent | Gonzales USD |
| Dennis Kurtz | Assistant Superintendent | Hollister School District |
| Stephen McKeown | Director of Special Services | Hollister School District |
| Jerry Dannenberg | Superintendent | Hueneme School District |

| Name | Title | Organization/Affiliation |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Robert DeLuca | Superintendent | Huntington Beach City School District |
| Maria Viramontes de Marin | Vice-president for Academic Affairs | InterAmerican College |
| Roger Halberg | Superintendent | Kerman USD |
| Darline Robles | Superintendent | Los Angeles County Office of Education |
| Derek Ramage | Coordinator | Los Angeles USD |
| Deborah Ignagni | Administrator | Los Angeles USD |
| Colleen Mori | Special Education HR Specialist | Los Angeles USD |
| Donnalyn Jaque-Anton | Executive Officer | Los Angeles USD |
| Barbara Burnett | Special Education Assistant Director | Los Angeles USD |
| Cecilia Massetti | Associate Superintendent | Madera County Office of Education |
| Cheryl Lara | Chief Human Resources Officer | Madera County Office of Education |
| Tracie Limebruner | Assistant Director, HR | Madera County Office of Education |
| Ramiro Carreon | Assistant Superintendent | Marysville Joint USD |
| Gil Compton | Assistant Superintendent, Personal Services | Menifee Union School District |
| Karl Modgling | HR Director | Modesto City Schools |
| Charlene Bradbury | Administrative Assistant | Mountain Empire USD |
| Mona Noren | Director Special Education | Mountain Empire USD |
| Patrick Judd | Superintendent | Mountain Empire USD |
| Hilarey Davis | Special Education Director | Mountain View-Los Altos Union High |
| Monique Van Zeebroeck | President | Newport-Mesa USD |
| Manny Barbara | Superintendent | Oak Grove School District |
| Tony Garcia | HR Assistant Superintendent | Oak Grove School District |
| William Habermehl | County Superintendent | Orange County Department of Education |
| Thomas Godley | Superintendent | Orange USD |
| Barbara McCleskey | HR Administrative Assistant | Patterson Joint USD |
| Bill Farahgan | Assistant Superintendent, HR | Pleasanton Unified School District |
| Steven Fish | Superintendent | Saddleback Valley USD |
| Douglas Baughn | HR Assistant Superintendent | Salida Union School District |
| Susan Villa | Associate Superintendent | San Benito County Office of Education |
| Bruce Kitchen | CTC/School District Liaison | San Bernardino & San Diego Counties |
| Sandee Kludt | Assistant Superintendent-Special Education | San Joaquin County Office of Education |

| Name | Title | Organization/Affiliation |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Frank Gomez | Superintendent | San Pasqual Union School District |
| Robert Kessler | Superintendent | San Ramon Valley USD |
| Jennifer Brown De Valle | HR Assistant Superintendent | San Ysidro School District |
| Manuel Paul | Superintendent | San Ysidro School District |
| Jane Russo | Superintendent | Santa Ana USD |
| Tanya Krause | HR Assistant Superintendent | Santa Cruz City School |
| Leslie Barrow | HR Program Coordinator | Santa Cruz City School |
| Luanne Erickson | HR Manager | Santa Cruz City School |
| Marilyn Torp | Director Special Education | Santa Cruz City School |
| John Robertson | HR Assistant Superintendent | Santa Maria Joint Union High |
| Debbie Bradford | Director of Special Projects-Special Education | Santa Rita Union School District |
| Bill Banning | HR Assistant Superintendent | Solana Beach School District |
| Carol Parish | District Superintendent | South Bay Union School District |
| John Thompson | Assistant Superintendent, Personnel Services | South San Francisco USD |
| Barbara Tanner | HR Director | Stanislaus County Office of Education |
| Sue Johnson | Superintendent | Savanna School District |
| David Holtz | Assistant Superintendent | Sylvan Union School District |
| Ann Huntington | Assistant Superintendent, Student Support Services | Temecula Valley USD |
| Chris Cordner | HR Assistant Superintendent | Temecula Valley USD |
| Terrence Davis | Special Education Director | Temecula Valley USD |
| Henry Voros | HR Director | Temecula Valley USD |
| Craig Wells | HR Director | Temecula Valley USD |
| Jim Hemsley | Executive Director | West Orange County Consortium for Special Education |
| Nancy Hild | | Savanna School District |

Sample statement in *opposition* of the **Education Specialist: Communication Development Credential:**

I would like to express my opposition to the proposed Education Specialist Communication Development Credential. While there is clearly a shortage of speech and language credentialed teachers and speech-language pathologists, I feel strongly that reducing the education requirements for a Communication Development Specialist is not a solution that serves the best interest of the children in California.

Individual/Organization in Opposition

| Name | Title | Organization/Affiliation |
|-----------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| Bruce Bothwell | | Bruce Bothwell Attorney at Law |
| Claudia Mornout | | Eloise R. Johnson & Associates |

| Name | Title | Organization/Affiliation |
|----------------------|----------------------|--|
| Pamela Wiley | ASHA Fellow-Director | Los Angeles Speech& Language Therapy Center, Inc. |
| Diane Bernstein | | Los Angeles Speech& Language Therapy Center, Inc. |
| Nadhiya Ito | | Los Angeles Speech& Language Therapy Center, Inc. |
| Jamie Torres | | Los Angeles Speech& Language Therapy Center, Inc. |
| Andrea Ramos | | Los Angeles Speech& Language Therapy Center, Inc. |
| Alyssa Brooks | | Los Angeles Speech& Language Therapy Center, Inc. |
| Rosalind Valentine | | Los Angeles Speech& Language Therapy Center, Inc. |
| Angela Adley | | Los Angeles Speech& Language Therapy Center, Inc. |
| Kim Foster | | None |
| Jane Haddad | | None |
| Rachel Ammons | | None |
| Fred Peeters | | None |
| Wendy Peeters | | None |
| Marilyn Callaham | | None |
| Christine Sleight | | None |
| Kimberly Freshour | | None |
| Laura Levandowski | | None |
| Deborah Blair Porter | | None |
| Jennifer Edgmon | | None |
| Jaimez Zavala | | None |
| Christina Burns | | None |
| Eileen Shelden | | None |
| Tracy Garcia | | None |
| Melissa Sacchetta | | None |
| Patricia Flores | | Salinas City School District |
| Marcia Moy | | San Francisco Unified School District |
| Kristen Savage | | Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center |
| Katy Franklin | | SFUSD Community Advisory Committee for Special Education |
| Rachel Norton | | SFUSD Community Advisory Committee for Special Education |