



**Office of the Superintendent**

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Cheryl Hickey  
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California Commission on Teacher Credentialing  
1900 Capitol Avenue  
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Dear Ms. Hickey:

Lodi USD is requesting the re-activation of their BTSA program beginning with the 2014/2015 school year. Due to budget reductions in 2008, Lodi Unified School District (LUSD) was unable to continue to provide sufficient management and supervision to the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) program and requested de-activation. Since that time, LUSD has contracted with the San Joaquin County of Education (SJCOE) and Stockton Unified School District (SUSD) to provide BTSA services for beginning teachers.

With the passage of Proposition 30 and Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), the district has been able to restore personnel whose primary responsibility will be coordinating the district's BTSA Program. With the restoration of personnel dedicated to the BTSA program, the district is confident it will be able to provide sufficient resources for the program that will be of value to Lodi Unified teachers.

Currently, the district has two administrators who serve as BTSA liaisons and trainers for our teachers and the SUSD BTSA program. They have received Formative Assessment for California Teachers (FACT) training this past August. It is the intention of the district to operate our BTSA program as it was originally designed. The organizational structure consisted of a district level coordinator along with the BTSA leadership team, made of exemplary district teachers, who will implement the program. Since Lodi Unified has been able to continue to provide BTSA through other providers for the past five years, our program will service new Year One and Year Two participants. It is our understanding that Program Standards were revised in January 2013 and that we may need to address those changes.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding the re-activation of our BTSA program. If you have questions, please contact Lisa Kotowski, our Director of Curriculum and Instruction at (209) 331-7029.

Sincerely,

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