



DOS PALOS - ORO LOMA JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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June 19, 2014

Dear Cheryl Hickey:

In June of 2011, our district was reclassified from an “approved-active” status to approved-inactive” status because of budget issues, low demand, and low enrollments in the program. Since the passage of Proposition 30 and Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), the district has been able to restore teaching positions and personnel whose primary responsibility will be to coordinate the district’s BTSA Program. DPOLJUSD is requesting the re-activation of our BTSA program beginning with the 2014-2015 school year.

Since the in-activation date, our district continued to seek the support from Ms. Sheila Ryskamp, who was the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Program Director when it was active. Sheila and additional staff served as Support Providers to teachers who needed BTSA services. We contracted with Stanislaus County Office of Education and Merced Union High School so that they could recommend our teachers upon completion of the program. We also contracted with Meadows & Associates for their Accreditation Support Services and we contracted annually with New Teacher Center (NTC). Contracted fees and support provider hours were paid by the district in support of teachers needing BTSA.

For the 2014-2015 school year, we have hired an additional nine teachers who will be in need of BTSA support. We ask that our request be considered and approved so that we may continue to serve teachers in need of BTSA. We were fortunate to hire great applicants but we would like to provide them with a BTSA program that they could depend on and not have to travel to other parts of the County to complete their credential requirements.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to hearing from you regarding the re-activation of our BTSA program. If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Norma R. Delgado, Director of Curriculum and Instruction at (209) 392-0200.

Sincerely,

Brian Walker, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

