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TO: Deans, Directors of Teacher Education, County Superintendents and District Superintendents

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SUBJECT: Extension of Direct Application for Clear Specialist Credentials

The Commission for Teacher Preparation and Licensing, on September 2, 1977, adopted Title 5 Regulations to extend direct application for the Bilingual/Crosscultural Specialist Instruction Credential to September 1, 1979. These regulations are consistent with legislation signed by the Governor on September 4, 1977. These same regulations also extend direct application for any Learning Handicapped or Severely Handicapped Specialist Instruction Credential to September 15, 1978, as consistent with statutes enacted in 1976. A copy of the adopted Title 5 Regulations is included on page 2 for your information.

Time Line for Direct Application for Clear Specialist Credentials

<u>Credential</u>	<u>Applicant Must Apply Before</u>
Agriculture Specialist Instruction Credential	September 15, 1977
Early Childhood Instruction Credential	September 15, 1977
Health Science Specialist Instruction Credential	September 15, 1977
Mathematics Specialist Instruction Credential	September 15, 1977
Reading Specialist Instruction Credential	September 15, 1977
Learning Handicapped Specialist Instruction Credential	September 15, 1978
Severely Handicapped Specialist Instruction Credential	September 15, 1978
Bilingual/Crosscultural Specialist Instruction Credential	September 1, 1979

Your assistance in disseminating this information will be very much appreciated.

5936. Direct Application for Clear Specialist Credentials.

Before September 15, 1978, but not thereafter, applications may be made directly to the Commission for Learning Handicapped or Severely Handicapped Specialist Instruction Credential as described in Section 5936.1. Before September 1, 1979, but not thereafter, applications may be made directly to the Commission for Bilingual/Crosscultural Credentials as described in Section 5936.2. Before September 15, 1977, but not thereafter, application may be made directly to the Commission for all other specialist instruction credentials, except special education specialist credentials authorizing teaching in programs for communication handicapped and physically handicapped. Only course work completed in an accredited institution between July 1, 1964 and September 15, 1979 shall be acceptable. Acceptable experience shall have been commenced on or after September 1, 1970 and completed by September 15, 1979. Applicants shall provide evidence verifying completion of the specific requirements for each credential in addition to all of the following requirements which shall be common to all specialist instruction credentials:

- (a) Possession of a valid teaching credential;
- (b) A minimum of 24 semester hours, or equivalent, beyond the baccalaureate degree;
- (c) Completion of 24 semester hours, or equivalent, of upper division or graduate course work in the specialized area or related areas of which no more than six semester hours, or equivalent, may be credited on the basis of experience in the actual practice of the specialization in the public schools. The semester hours under (c) may be used to satisfy the requirement of (b).

(Note: Regulations establishing specific requirements for each specialist credential remain unchanged.)