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TO: Deans, Heads of Education, Directors of Bilingual Programs, and Other Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: Approved Programs

It has come to our attention that changes are being made at some institutions in their bilingual teacher preparation programs in response to requirements for Teacher Corps Grants and that such changes are neither communicated to nor approved by the Commission.

This, then, is a reminder that all teacher preparation programs are approved by the Commission and represent an agreement by institutions to offer specified credential programs under an approved program concept. Changes in such programs should be made only with the knowledge and approval of the Commission. No other agency is authorized to require, approve or disapprove changes in Commission-approved programs at institutions of higher education.

The Commission fully expects that the implementation of all approved programs will correspond to the agreement represented by the Program Approval Review Document and that all changes in programs will be submitted for Commission approval.

Several of the guidelines for bilingual teacher preparation programs, as well as for all credential programs, require provisions for evaluation and improvement of the total professional preparation program on the basis of candidates' and graduates' performance. It is the intent of the Commission to encourage and support program changes that are based on research and experience.

Further, the Commission will work as diligently as possible to expedite the approval of those changes as evidenced by the 119 program changes administratively approved during the past year.