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TO: Designated Individuals Representing County Superintendents of Schools, Credential Analysts in County Offices, and Individuals Interested in the Following Category of Information from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing

CATEGORY: #11 -- Other Specialist Credential Information:
Reading

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SUBJECT: Reading Specialists who were employed on the Miller Unruh Reading Certificate. **UPDATE** (Also refer to Coded Correspondence #87-8803 and #87-8804)

An *emergency* Title 5 Regulation to establish a Restricted Specialist Teaching Credential in Reading (for grades kindergarten through six) became effective on December 1, 1987. This emergency regulation will remain in effect for 120 days. The Commission can now accept applications for this credential, intended for teachers who have been serving on the Miller-Unruh Reading Specialist Certificate which was "sunset" on June 30, 1987. Requirements include:

- a. Possession of a valid California teaching credential, requiring a baccalaureate degree and teacher preparation, including student teaching;
- b. Possession of a Miller-Unruh Reading Certificate issued prior to June 30, 1987, pursuant to the Miller-Unruh Basic Reading Act of 1965, or passage of the National Teacher Examination for Reading Specialist (#30) and submission of an application for the Miller-Unruh Reading Certificate prior to the effective date of these regulations;
- c. Letters from current or previous employers verifying completion of three years of teaching experience, includ-

ing at least one year in a reading specialist position within the last five years;

- d. Official transcripts showing completion of the following college or university courses:
- a basic course in the teaching of elementary school reading, and
 - a basic course in the teaching of elementary school language, and
 - a basic course in the diagnosis and remediation of reading disabilities, and
 - a course in directed clinical practice in the remediation of reading disabilities.
- e. A fee of \$25.00 (one-half of the regular credential fee).

A copy of the emergency regulation is attached.

Before this regulation can become effective on a permanent basis (beyond the 120 days), it must be adopted through the normal public hearing process. The public hearing for adoption is scheduled for January 7, 1988 (see Coded Correspondence #87-8803).

**EMERGENCY TITLE 5 REGULATION FOR SPECIALIST
TEACHING CREDENTIALS IN READING**

80048.1. Specialist Teaching Credentials in Reading.

(a) Requirements for the Restricted Specialist Teaching Credential in Reading for Grades Kindergarten Through Six.

(1) For initial issuance:

- (A) Possession of a valid California teaching credential requiring a baccalaureate degree and teacher preparation, including student teaching.**
- (B) Possession of a Miller-Unruh Reading Certificate issued prior to June 30, 1987, pursuant to the Miller-Unruh Basic Reading Act of 1965, or passage of the National Teacher Examination for Reading Specialist (#30) and submission of an application for the Miller-Unruh Reading Certificate prior to the effective date of these regulations.**
- (C) Letters from current or previous employers verifying completion of three years of teaching experience, including at least one year in a reading specialist position within the last five years.**
- (D) Official transcripts showing completion of the following college or university courses:**
 - 1. a basic course in the teaching of elementary school reading, and**
 - 2. a basic course in the teaching of elementary school language, and**
 - 3. a basic course in the diagnosis and remediation of reading disabilities, and**
 - 4. a course in directed clinical practice in the remediation of reading disabilities.**
- (E) The fee for initial issuance of this credential shall be one half of the application fee as specified in Section 80487.**

(2) For renewal: verification of the completion of 150 clock hours of staff development directly related to the teaching of reading, completed since the previous Restricted Specialist Teaching Credential in Reading was issued.

(3) Authorization: the Restricted Specialist Teaching Credential in Reading authorizes the holder to serve as a reading specialist in grades kindergarten through 6.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44225, Education Code. Reference: Section 44265, Education Code