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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities
of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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SUBJECT: Preliminary Educational Technology Test

In December of 1998, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (the Commission) adopted the Technology Standard for Multiple and Single Subject Teaching Credential candidates. The new standard requires credential candidates to 1) demonstrate effective use of technology at a "basic" level (Level I) prior to issuance of a preliminary credential; and 2) demonstrate effective use of technology at an "advanced" level (Level II) prior to issuance of a professional credential. Most California teacher candidates will acquire training in educational technology through a program of coursework. As required by Education Code Section 44259, the Commission must make available a Commission-approved assessment of the Level I proficiencies as an alternative to completing coursework. This correspondence describes this new assessment, called the Preliminary Educational Technology test.

The Preliminary Educational Technology test will be taken primarily by those out-of-state credential candidates seeking a Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential who have not completed an approved California teacher preparation program or an equivalent teacher training program from a state that has comparability with California, or who have not satisfied the out-of-state, three-year or five-year experience option.

The new assessment will be offered as part of the *Single Subject Assessments for Teaching* (SSAT) administered by National Evaluation Systems, Inc. (NES). Similar to many of the other examinations required for Multiple and Single Subject Teaching Credentials, this paper-and-pencil test includes 100 multiple-choice items and two constructed-response items. The approximate content coverage of the test is as follows: basic computer operations, concepts, and issues (27%); professional applications of computer technology (33%); and educational applications of computer technology (40%). Content specifications for the test are available on the Commission's Web site at http://www.ctc.ca.gov/aboutctc/agendas/may_2001/perf/perf1.html. The Preliminary Educational Technology test is listed in the 2001-02 SSAT registration bulletin as SSAT examination number 30.

The first administration of the Preliminary Educational Technology test is scheduled for October 27, 2001.

If you have questions regarding test registration, administration procedures, or score reports, contact NES at (916) 928-4003. If you have questions concerning the credentialing requirements associated

with the Technology Standard, refer to coded correspondence #99-9916 or contact the Commission's Information Services Unit at (916) 445-7254, (888) 921-2682, or credentials@ctc.ca.gov.