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Teacher Credentialing Chair Details Action on BSA Report

SACRAMENTO – Dr. Ting Sun, Chair of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, testified before the Joint Legislative Audit Committee held on May 10, 2011 in response to the Bureau of State Audits (BSA) report *Commission on Teacher Credentialing: Despite Delays in Discipline of Teacher Misconduct, the Division of Professional Practices Has Not Developed an Adequate Strategy or Implemented Processes That Will Safeguard Against Future Backlogs*. Below is a statement from Dr. Sun regarding the audit and the hearing:

I have made it clear that it is inexcusable for this agency to sit on any documentation, no matter what the level of seriousness of the alleged misconduct. The Commission takes the recommendations in the BSA report very seriously and has already taken action to implement all of them.

We have a public trust to ensure a fair process that protects the safety of children as well as the due process rights of teachers. We serve neither well if we do not take a proactive approach to resolving increased workload issues. The backlog of low level RAP sheets should never have reached the level that it did back in June of 2009. This backlog was eliminated in June 2010 and no longer exists.

The issues related to the backlogs and the parties responsible have been identified, and personnel changes have already been made. I have also called for a closed session at the June Commission meeting to discuss any additional personnel actions.

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At my direction, the Division of Professional Practices will provide Commissioners with a report on the process, procedures and acceptable timelines used by the Division in investigating allegations of misconduct at our next meeting. Also at my direction, Commission staff will now provide a detailed, monthly workload report from the Division of Professional Practices to all Commissioners. I will make sure that this information is also shared with the BSA and with members of the Legislature who are interested.

Details on how the Commission has been addressing the audit's recommendations were provided to members of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee hearing on Tuesday, May 10 and can be found on the CTC website at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/audit/CTC-Memo-2011-05-12.pdf>.

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