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### **Commission Chair Moves to State Board of Education**

SACRAMENTO – Today, Governor Newsom announced that Commission on Teacher Credentialing Chair, Linda Darling-Hammond, will be stepping down from the Commission in order to head the State Board of Education.

“I am excited to help the state continue its positive progress toward a more equitable and empowering education system. Sadly, though, this means I will be leaving the Commission,” stated Chair Darling-Hammond. “It has been a great privilege and pleasure to work with both Commissioners and staff on the important agenda we have taken on - strengthening educator preparation programs to support 21st century teaching and learning that focuses on the whole child, redesigning licensure and accreditation, and enabling investments in educator learning. I look forward to collectively helping California achieve even greater strides in the years to come.”

Dr. Darling-Hammond is the President and CEO of the Learning Policy Institute, a research institute that works with policymakers, researchers, educators, community groups, and others, to advance evidence-based policies that support empowering and equitable learning for each and every child. She is also Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education Emeritus at Stanford University where she founded the Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education and the School Redesign Network and served as faculty sponsor for the Stanford Teacher Education Program. She is a former president of the American Educational Research Association and member of the National Academy of Education, and was the head of President Obama’s 2008 education transition team. Dr. Darling-Hammond has been a Commissioner since August of 2011, and the chair of the Commission since 2012.

*The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing is an agency in the Executive Branch of California State Government. It was created in 1970 by the Ryan Act and is the oldest of the autonomous state standards boards in the nation. The major purpose of the agency is to serve as a state standards board for educator preparation for the public schools of California, the licensing and credentialing of professional educators in the State, the enforcement of professional practices of educators, and the discipline of credential holders in the State of California.*