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

From: Dr. Sam W. Swofford, Executive Director

Subject: Repeal of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations sections 80032.3, 80058.2, 80466 and 80523.3

The Office of Administrative Law has approved the repeal of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations sections 80032.2, 80058.2, 80466 and 80523.3 pertaining to special education coursework for the clear teaching credential, continuance and extension of service, teaching experience in lieu of professional preparation and administrative services experience. These sections will be repealed on July 1, 2004.

The rationale for repealing these sections follows:

Section 80032.2 Special Education Coursework for the Clear Teaching Credential

This section outlined the specific elements required for special education training for teachers and administrators. This section became effective on November 6, 1978. Senate Bill 2042 (Statutes of 1998, Chapter 548, Alpert-Mazzoni) changed the special education training in Education Code Section 44259 to be a requirement in both the preliminary and professional clear credentials and became a part of the standards approved by the Commission implementing SB 2042. The special education requirement has changed and is now included in the teacher preparation program standards.

Section 80058.2 Continuance and Extension of Service

This section of Title 5 became effective on November 29, 1978. The Education Code reference for this section is 44344. This section of the Education Code refers to the transition from the Standard credentials to the Ryan credentials. Consequently this section of Title 5 is obsolete. School districts continue to use the provisions of this section, which now are in conflict with AB 2859 (Statutes of 2002, Chapter 1069, Aroner), which requires all certificated staff to hold a credential issued by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. If an audit finds that a teacher is serving without

a credential both the school district and the county office of education are subject to a fine. AB 2859 does not allow a lapse in a credential as provided for in this section.

Section 80466 Teaching Experience in Lieu of Professional Preparation

AB 877 (Statutes of 2000, Chapter 703, Scott) required that the Commission review standards from other states and determine if they are equivalent to the ones established by the Commission. The Commission has approved 37 states as equivalent states. If an individual completes a program in a state that has been determined to be equivalent, the Commission accepts that program even if student teaching was met through experience. Rather than the Commission staff determining if three years of teaching experience is equal to student teaching, Commission staff now relies solely upon the credentialing requirements from other states, consequently this section is no longer necessary

Section 80523.3 Administrative Services Experience

Commission staff no longer uses this section of Title 5. Institutions of higher education that offer Commission-accredited administrative services preparation programs now have the authority to determine whether experience is administrative in nature, rather than the Commission staff, consequently this section is no longer necessary.

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