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TO: County and District Superintendents

FROM: John F. Brown, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: July 1983 CBEST Administration Score Reporting Dates

Pending legislation would, if it becomes law, make a change in the rule governing repetition of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST). Such a change would increase the number of ways in which a person taking the test might achieve a passing score. The Commission has determined that passing scores for those who will be taking the test at the July administration should be calculated using the highest score on each section of the test obtained at any administration. Additionally, passing scores for those who failed the test at earlier administrations will be recalculated in the same way.

This change could have some effect on the score reporting dates for the July administration, particularly because the number of people to be tested at this administration is much larger than had been anticipated. These dates may be crucial for employment and staffing decisions in some districts, and I want to inform you of the planned reporting schedule.

Scores will be mailed in the following time periods:

- August 16-22 for those people tested in July who pass the test on the basis of scores obtained in July.
- August 18-25 for those people tested in July or at earlier administrations who pass the test using a combination of section scores obtained at different administrations.
- August 25-31 for those people tested in July who have failed the test regardless of what combination of scores from different administrations is used.

The Commission and Educational Testing Service are well aware of the need to report scores at the earliest possible date; every effort will be made to mail the scores to you in the early part of the ranges of dates given above.

We will provide detailed information on any exemptions from the CBEST requirements for credentialing and employment, and on the changes of the repeater rule if or when the proposed legislation becomes law.