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TO: Designated Individuals Representing County Superintendents of Schools, Credential Analysts in County Offices, and Individuals Interested in the Following Category of Information from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing

CATEGORY: #11 -- Other Specialist Credential Information: Reading

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SUBJECT: Reading Specialists who were employed on the Miller Unruh Reading Certificate

On June 30, 1987, the Miller-Unruh Basic Reading Act of 1965 (California Education Code, commencing with Section 54100) "sunset" or ceased to be operative. Among the now inoperative provisions of the Miller-Unruh Basic Reading Act of 1965 are the authority of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue a Miller-Unruh Reading Specialist Certificate and the authority of holders of that certificate to serve as reading specialists.

Because the Commission is concerned about the teachers who have been employed on the Miller-Unruh Reading Certificate and now have no legal authority to continue that employment, it took action at the October 2, 1987, meeting to approve emergency Title 5 Regulations to establish a Restricted Specialist Teaching Credential in Reading. A copy of the *proposed* regulations follows.

Before they can become effective, these regulations must be approved by the State Board of Education at its November 12-13, 1987, meeting and by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL). Because these are *emergency* regulations, if approved, they will take effect ten days after they are filed with the OAL. Whether they are approved as emergency regulations or must proceed through the normal channels, the public hearing is being scheduled for January 7, 1988. You will receive further correspondence concerning these regulations in the near future. In the meantime, the Commission expects that individuals who are employed on Miller-Unruh Reading Certificates will continue to serve as reading specialists until the regulations are finalized without jeopardy to their assignments or pay warrants.

EMERGENCY TITLE 5 REGULATIONS FOR SPECIALIST
TEACHING CREDENTIALS IN READING

80048.1. Specialist Teaching Credentials in Reading.

(a) Requirements for the Restricted Specialist Teaching Credential in Reading.

(1) For initial issuance:

- (A) Possession of a valid California teaching credential requiring a baccalaureate degree and teacher preparation, including student teaching.
- (B) Possession of a Miller-Unruh Reading Certificate issued prior to June 30, 1987, pursuant to the Miller-Unruh Basic Reading Act of 1965, or passage of the National Teacher Examination for Reading Specialist (#30) and submission of an application for the Miller-Unruh Reading Certificate prior to the effective date of these regulations.
- (C) Letters from current or previous employers verifying completion of three years of teaching experience, including at least one year in a reading specialist position within the last five years.
- (D) Official transcripts showing completion of the following college or university courses:
 - 1. a basic course in the teaching of elementary school reading, and
 - 2. a basic course in the teaching of elementary school language, and
 - 3. a basic course in the diagnosis and remediation of reading disabilities, and
 - 4. a course in directed clinical practice in the remediation of reading disabilities.
- (E) The fee for initial issuance of this credential shall be one half of the application fee as specified in Section 80487.

(2) For renewal: verification of the completion of 150 clock hours of staff development directly related to the teaching of reading, completed since the previous Restricted Specialist Teaching Credential in Reading was issued.

(3) Authorization: the Restricted Specialist Teaching Credential in Reading authorizes the holder to serve as a reading specialist in grades kindergarten through 6.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 44225, Education Code. Reference: Section 44265, Education Code