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**To: Deans and Directors of Education with Commission
Approved Programs**

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**Subject: Adoption of Standards of Program Quality and Effectiveness
for the Evaluation of Specialist Programs in Adapted
Physical Education**

Enclosed please find a copy of the *Standards of Program Quality and Effectiveness for the Evaluation of Specialist Programs in Adapted Physical Education*. These Standards were approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing based upon the recommendations of its expert advisory panel consisting of persons familiar with Adapted Physical Education Programs and practices. Also enclosed is a copy of the agenda item which presented the Standards. The agenda item includes a background statement, a summary of the comments that were received, and the implementation timeline for your information.

The Adapted Physical Education Advisory Panel worked for nearly a year developing the Curriculum, Competence, and Performance Standards and the Field Experience Standard. As with other sets of standards for credential programs, the Institutional Resources and Coordination, and the Admission and Student Services Standards are the same as other credential programs. The Advisory Panel, which consisted of practitioners in physical education and adapted physical education, and leading professors who coordinate Adapted Physical Education Programs, developed standards that reflect the collective wisdom of what California educators believe is minimally necessary to prepare a teacher to educate students with special needs in physical education.

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In August 1992 the Commission received a preliminary draft of proposed Adapted Physical Education Standards. The proposed standards were distributed to the field for comment during the fall. Fourteen of the proposed standards were revised based on the comments and recommendations received.

The revised standards were submitted to the Commission on December 3 and 4, 1992 for approval. Each comment submitted in response to the standards was available to members of the Commission. The *Standards of Program Quality and Effectiveness for the Evaluation of Specialist Programs in Adapted Physical Education* and the plan to implement the Standards were approved by the Commission.

The implementation plan for the Adapted Physical Education Programs calls for these Standards to go into effect on January 1, 1995. No students may be admitted into an "old" program (program approved based on Commission guidelines) after that date. Those colleges and universities which initially decide not to offer an Adapted Physical Education Program may reconsider and submit a program at any time in the future. If you have any questions on the Adapted Physical Education guidelines or their implementation, you may contact Marie Schrup at (916) 327-2966 or Michael McKibbin at (916) 445-4438, or write them at the Commission.