



Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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Office of the Executive Director

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Tim Bowers, Superintendent of Schools
Kings County Office of Education
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Dear Dr. Bowers:

I am writing to inform you that on June 24, 2011, the Committee on Accreditation, on behalf of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing, assigned the status of *Accreditation with Probationary Stipulations* to Kings County Office of Education and all of its credential programs.

Following are the stipulations:

- The program needs to broaden and stabilize advisory board participation to consistently represent stakeholders of the Kings County Office of Education's Teacher Induction Program (TIP). The advisory board needs to develop a clear guiding vision for the preparation of educators.
- Data needs to be analyzed and used at the program and unit level to guide program improvements and to provide data to the Support Providers within the program.
- All stakeholders must be apprised of the function of FACT as a guide for a formative induction program that supports candidates' growth and attainment of professional goals as guided by their IIP. Support Providers must agree to create or capitalize on opportunities for intentional candidate learning in the appropriate pedagogical practices and use of adopted standards-aligned instructional materials and resources (e.g., varying curriculum depth and complexity, managing Para educators, using assistive and other technologies) and to provide intensive individualized support and assistance to help their candidates' demonstrate and apply pedagogical knowledge and skills acquired in their preliminary credential program.
- The program needs to establish criteria that provides for the demonstration and application of professional knowledge and skills beyond what was learned during pre service.
- Quarterly reports are to be submitted to the Committee on Accreditation reflecting progress toward meeting the stipulations above. The first quarterly report will be due on September 15, 2011.
- A return visit is to take place within one year of this action.

On the basis of this decision, the institution is authorized to offer the following program:

Ensuring Educator Excellence

General Education (Multiple and Single Subject) Induction

In addition:

- The institution's response to the preconditions is to be updated to reflect changes within the organization and reviewed by Commission staff.
- Kings County Office of Education is not permitted to propose new credential programs for approval by the Committee on Accreditation.
- Kings County Office of Education continues in its assigned cohort on the schedule of accreditation activities, subject to the continuation of the present schedule of accreditation activities by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Should you or your staff have any questions relating to this action, you may address them to Cheryl Hickey, Administrator of Accreditation, at (916) 322-0695.

The Commission and its staff are grateful to Kings County Office of Education for its commitment to the preparation of professional educators.

Sincerely,

Teri Clark
Acting Executive Director

cc: Dee Fricks
BTSA Program Director

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