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Dear County Superintendents:

STATEWIDE EDUCATOR IDENTIFIERS

California is moving towards an integrated kindergarten through grade twelve education data system to support its public education enterprise. The foundation of that system is the California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) and the California Longitudinal Teacher Integrated Data Education System (CALTIDES). Both systems will rely on non-personally identifiable, unique identifiers that will allow data to be longitudinally-linked and integrated. This will significantly increase the value of data at both the state and local levels and will allow for a reduction in aggregate reporting to the state.

Just as the Statewide Student Identifiers (SSIDs) were put in place prior to CALPADS implementation, the Statewide Educator Identifiers (SEIDs) will be assigned prior to CALTIDES implementation. Senate Bill 1614 (Chapter 840, Statutes of 2006), requires the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to assign a SEID to each educator to whom it has issued a document.

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the upcoming rollout of the SEID to the County Offices of Education (COEs) that will begin March 1, 2008. To begin the dissemination process each COE will need to provide a list of currently employed educators to the CTC using the CTC's existing secured site. The COE will receive the SEIDs back from the CTC, populate their data systems with the SEIDs, and distribute the SEIDs to their respective local educational agencies (LEAs). We recommend that the SEID be disseminated to the LEAs by August 2008. The LEA will be required to include the SEID when reporting their California Basic Educational Data System (CBEDS) data on the Professional Assignment Information Form (PAIF) in the fall of 2008. The inclusion of the SEID on the PAIF will allow the California Department of Education (CDE) to reduce the amount of staff data currently collected, and allow automation of County Assignment Monitoring responsibilities once CALTIDES is online.

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In preparation for the implementation of the CALPADS and CALTIDES systems, the CTC will also be converting the microfilm records of all life credential holders who are currently employed and whose records do not already exist in the CTC database. The CTC will be contacting the COEs for additional information, such as the former name of the educator, if necessary.

The CTC will send specific information on the SEID rollout to your credential analysts. This is important work as it lays the foundation for our statewide systems. We appreciate your efforts to make this a successful project.

You can find information about CALPADS information, including CDE contacts, on the CALPADS Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sp/cl/>. For additional information regarding CALTIDES, the SEID rollout, the conversion project and CTC contact information, please visit the CALTIDES Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/td/lo/caltides.asp>.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact Darren Addington, CALTIDES Project Sponsor and Chief Information Officer, Commission on Teacher Credentialing, at 916-322-4359 or by e-mail at daddington@ctc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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