



SACRAMENTO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Agenda Item# 10.3

Meeting Date: August 19, 2021

Subject: Approve the Submission of Credential Waiver Applications to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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Division: Human Resource Services

Recommendation: Approve the Submission of Credential Waiver Applications to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Background/Rationale: In order to exercise additional options in which to fill vacant certificated positions, Human Resources will be submitting credential waiver applications to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing for approval. The teachers on the attached list hold a California Preliminary Teaching Credential in their respective subject areas.

The Waiver requests are for specific certifications as teachers continue to work towards their English Language Authorizations, Bilingual Authorization or Basic Skills Requirement. This approval authorizes and delegates to the Superintendent, or his designee, to take all necessary measures and action to obtain the approval of these credential waivers.

Financial Considerations: None thy,

Engaged Students; Family and Community Empowerment; Operational Excellence

Documents Attached:

1. Executive Summary
2. Waiver Requests

Estimated Time of Presentation: 2 min
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Approved by: Jorge A. Aguilar, Superintendent Page 1 of 1

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Since July 1, 1994, the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission) has had the sole authority to review requests by employing school districts to temporarily waive specific credential requirements for individuals. Waivers are requested by employing agencies when they have exhausted their attempts to find a credentialed individual or an individual who is eligible for an emergency permit. When adopting regulations and developing procedures for exercising its authority, the Commission established as the fundamental goal of the waiver process the transitioning of individuals from waivers to emergency permits and ultimately to full credentials. Since the requirements for credential waivers are at a level below those for emergency permits, regulations require that every waiver presented to the Commission's Appeals and Waivers Committee must go through a public notice process at the local level. Governing boards of public school districts must approve each waiver in a public meeting.

The Commission is the agency of California government that licenses teachers and other professionals who serve in the public schools. As the policy-making body that establishes and maintains standards for the education profession in the state, the Commission is concerned with the quality and effectiveness of the preparation of teachers and other school practitioners. On behalf of the education profession and the general public, one of the Commission's most important responsibilities is to establish and implement strong, effective standards of quality for the preparation and assessment of teachers who will teach English learners.

Twenty-five percent of all children enrolled in California public schools are designated as English learners and require specialized instruction in English language development. For these reasons, California has placed a high priority on preparing teachers to work with students from multicultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds. Since 1970, the State of California has required that classes designed to serve students primarily designated as English Learners in public schools must be taught by teachers who have the appropriate preparation to teach linguistically and culturally diverse students.

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Teaching Credential in their respective subject area and have been working towards the English Language Authorizations, Bilingual Authorization or CBEST Exam. However, additional time is needed to complete the credential process.

The school district must submit these waiver requests for current employees who continue to complete programs and move toward this authorization, as well as for newly hired employees who need to enter into an approved program. Having 100% of teachers qualified to teacher English Language learners is essential.

The following teachers will be able to continue in their current positions:

- Stephen Steinberg - Teacher, High School
- Natalie Perez-Alvarez - Teacher, Elementary

Staff recommends the approval of the Submission of a Credential Waiver Application to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

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Name	Position/Location	Education Code Section	Brief Description of Section
Stephen Steinberg	Teacher, High School Career & Technical Education Sacramento New Technology High School	EC §44253.3	Professional Preparation Program – Crosscultural, Language & Academic Development (CLAD)
Natalie Perez Alvarez	Teacher, Elementary, Dual Immersion- Spanish Bowling Green Chacon Language & Science Academy	EC §44253.3	Professional Preparation Program – Crosscultural, Language & Academic Development (BCLAD)