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Dear Deans, Superintendents, Directors, and Chairs,

We are pleased to provide the reports of program completers’ responses to the 2016 Program Completer Survey administered by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. The attached reports provide summary responses from completers of Preliminary Multiple Subject, Single Subject, Education Specialist teaching and Administrative Services preparation programs as well as Clear Credential General Education Completers Survey and Clear Credential Education Specialist Completer Survey who were recommended for and who paid for a credential between January 1, and August 15, 2016. Additionally, we are providing survey results for the Master Teacher Surveys that were made available to preparation programs from May to June 2016.

All Statewide reports and Summary of Response rates by Teacher Preparation Programs are available at the program completer website: http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/completer-surveys.html. These surveys were part of the Commission’s current work to streamline and strengthen the Commission’s Accreditation System. As part of this work, there were several Task Groups to address specific areas. One of the task groups was the “Outcomes/Surveys Task Group,” which focused on improving the quality of the surveys. Based on the feedback from the task group, the survey questions were organized under the six domains of the California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP), the survey lengths were shortened, and consistency was established among the three teaching credential surveys. In addition to modifying the four pilot surveys, two additional surveys were administered - Clear Credential General Education Completers Survey and Clear Credential Education Specialist Completer Survey.

Program-level reports for your institution/agency are attached for each preliminary and clear credential program having ten or more program completers. The program-level reports provide the counts, percentages, and, where appropriate, the mean and standard deviation for questions. In the interest of protecting the identity of each individual who participated in the survey, it has been determined that no report would be provided to the program if fewer than 10 individuals completed the program during the survey window. Instead, a statewide report will be provided for that program. In addition, demographic information is provided if at least 10 individuals selected that option.

The data reported through the survey process represent the self-reported individual perceptions of candidates who have completed your preliminary and or clear preparation program. Individual completers elected to take the survey voluntary provided answers under conditions that promised anonymity. It is equally important to consider the number of respondents from your program and the extent to which the respondents reflect the gender, ethnic, and program composition of this cohort at your institution. The last page of each program report contains a summary of the total number of email invitations sent to your program completers and the number and percent of program completers who answered any non-demographic survey question. Numbers for the same parameters at the statewide level are also provided for your information.

If you have questions or suggestions about the Program Completer Surveys or the Survey Reports, please submit them to Accreditation@ctc.ca.gov.

Thank you for your continuing work in preparing effective educators for California public schools.

Sincerely yours,

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