

Dear Commission Members,

As the commission considers supporting teacher candidates and transitioning from the RICA to the Literacy Performance Assessment, I am writing to inquire about the commission's strategy for informing teacher candidates about the recent elimination of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) as a requirement for teacher certification.

Specifically, we would like to know:

1. What steps is the Commission taking to ensure all current and prospective teacher candidates know about this significant change?
2. How is this information disseminated to educational institutions, school districts, and other relevant stakeholders?
3. Are there plans to update official websites, application materials, and other documentation to reflect this change?
4. What resources or guidance are being provided to candidates who may have been preparing for the CBEST?
5. What is the timeline for when all related information will be fully updated to reflect this change?

Clear and widespread communication about this change is crucial to ensure that all potential teachers know the current requirements and can plan their career paths accordingly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
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