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OUSD BTSA Induction Department Receives Accreditation

ORANGE, Calif., March 20, 2012 – The California Committee on Accreditation unanimously accepted the recommended of “Accreditation” for all Orange Unified School District (OUSD) Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) Induction programs after meeting last Wednesday to review the results of the OUSD Accreditation Site Visit.

Four state representatives and a state consultant spent February 13-16 evaluating the District's Self Study, supporting documentation, and interviews with over 280 program participants, representatives and constituencies.

The review covered programs for beginning teachers, General Education Induction and Education Specialist Clear Induction, as well as programs for veteran teachers, the Autism Spectrum Disorder Added Authorization.

“These credential and authorization programs are not an add-on to the work of the district; they are an integral part of the district. Educators in the district told us in many ways, and often with the same words, that they were focused on student achievement. The dedication to the development of new teachers as well as veteran teachers learning and applying new skills were ‘mission critical’ and it showed in the evidence gathered on the site visit,” said Jo Birdsell, Site Visit Chairman.

Programs offered through OUSD's BTSA Induction Department are available beyond District boundaries due to Program Agreements established with other local school districts. All programs are delivered in a hybrid format that includes on-line content delivery as well as face-to face support and training.

The California Committee on Accreditation is the state agency responsible for authorizing all Universities, County Offices of Education, and School Districts to deliver higher education coursework, degrees, and credentials.

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Committee on Accreditation Team Report can be found at: http://www.ctc.ca.gov/educator-prep/coa-agendas/2012-03/09_Orange_USD_COA_Report_FINAL.pdf.

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