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TO: CSHA Leadership
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Update - CTC Special Ed Credential Reform
including new Communication Development credential

The link that follows is the **latest update report** made to the full CTC Commission on June 5th:

<http://www.ctc.ca.gov/commission/agendas/2008-06/2008-06-3F.pdf>

CSHA is anxious to see the CTC staff document and proposal as to the new credential's authority, training competencies, overlapping description of services between the Communication Development credential and the SLP services credential, protections (or the lack thereof) for confusion, avoidance of special ed services, and potential for abuse. CSHA continues to raise the issue of the inappropriate title "Communication Development Specialist" if the assertion that this category of personnel is mostly about language/literacy services. (Note CTC staff has declared the title is an off-limits discussion for all but the full CTC commission!).

Next :

Public Forums *(times yet to be announced)*

July 16th Sacramento

Sacramento City Schools Admin Building

August 13th Costa Mesa

CSHA members who are planning on attending or are available to attend, please notify the CSHA office in order that we can coordinate and forward background and suggested Talking Points. CSHA is soliciting anyone who can bring or arrange for parents or parent organizations that would express concerns over confusing services as well as a lack of protections, potential for abuse and/or avoidance of appropriate special ed services.

Aug. 7/8 Full CTC Commission meeting

San Diego County Office of Education
6401 Linda Vista Rd., San Diego

Oct. 7 Full CTC Commission meeting

Sacramento CTC Office

Nov. 6 Full CTC Commission meeting

December 11/12 Full CTC Commission meeting

CTC web background information on CTC credential reforms including proposal for Communication Development Specialists:

[Changes in Credentials to Provide Services to California Students with Speech-Language Needs](#)

In December 2007, the Commission submitted a Report on the Study of Special Education Certification to the CA Legislature. One of the report recommendations is the creation of a new Communication Development (CD) teaching credential.

CTC's Michael McKibbin, Administrator Teacher Development at CTC made a presentation at the California Speech and Hearing Association (CSHA) Conference, April 11, 2008 about the proposed options to improve services to students with speech-language needs. This PowerPoint provides discussion points of his presentation.

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