



Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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Office of the Executive Director

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Dr. Darren McDuffie, Superintendent
Santa Maria-Bonita School District
708 S. Miller Street
Santa Maria, CA, 93545

Dear Superintendent McDuffie:

At the January 29, 2026, Committee on Accreditation (COA) meeting, the COA reviewed the provisional site visit accreditation team report that is required as one of the last steps at the end of the provisional period of the Initial Institutional Approval (IIA) process. This site visit report is required in advance of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing's consideration of Santa Maria-Bonita School District for final Institutional Approval as part of the conclusion of Stage V of the IIA process.

After consideration of the team report and discussion with the institutional personnel and team lead, the COA acted to assign the status of *Accreditation* to Santa Maria-Bonita School District and its credential program, pending a decision by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing on whether to grant final Institutional Approval. For this final stage of the IIA process, the Commission will take into account the team report and COA's recommendation in determining whether to grant final approval to Santa Maria-Bonita School District.

The Commission staff will work with you to schedule your appearance before the Commission at one of its upcoming regularly scheduled public meetings. If granted approval by the Commission at that time, another letter will be issued confirming the completion of the Initial Institutional Approval process and informing you of your institution's accreditation status as well as provide you with additional important information.

Should you or your staff have any questions relating to this action, you may address them to Cheryl Hickey, Administrator of Accreditation, at chickey@ctc.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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