



## Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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Office of the Executive Director

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Dr. Hilda Maldonado  
Santa Barbara Unified School District  
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Dear Superintendent Maldonado:

At the February 3, 2022, 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 Barbara Unified 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 with Stipulations* to Santa Barbara Unified 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 the COA recommendation in determining whether to grant final approval to Santa Barbara Unified School District.

The following stipulations were placed on the institution:

- 1) That within one year the institution/unit provides evidence that a clearly defined process is in place to identify and support candidates who need additional assistance to meet competencies.
- 2) That within one year, for the Teacher Induction Program, the institution provides evidence:
  - a) That the program ensures consistent ongoing coaching, training, and skill development for mentors.
  - b) That the program leaders provide formative feedback to mentors on their work.
  - c) That the program has documented the process for the recommendation for the clear credential, the defensible process for the reviewing documentation, a written appeal process for candidates, and a procedure for candidates to repeat portions of the program, as needed.
- 3) That quarterly progress reports be provided to the Committee on Accreditation to ensure

that appropriate action is being taken in a timely manner.

In addition, staff recommends that:

- The institution's response to the preconditions be accepted.
- Santa Barbara Unified be permitted to propose new educator preparation programs for approval by the Committee on Accreditation.
- In granting Santa Barbara Unified full approval, the institution will be assigned to an accreditation cohort and will participate in all accreditation activities in accordance with the timelines of their assigned cohort, subject to the continuation of the present schedule of accreditation activities by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

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 about next steps.

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](mailto:chickey@ctc.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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