



Joint Announcement Regarding

SPECIAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATION PROGRAM For a Masters Degree in Special Education

The District and SDEA are pleased to announce an agreement to implement a new educational opportunity for district teachers who are interested in earning a Special Education Credential. This new program, the **Special Education Certification Program**, will be available for probationary and permanent SDEA bargaining unit members currently assigned in K-12, general education assignments, with priority consideration given to K-6 bargaining unit members.

There will be forty (40) spaces available in the Program, and interested Teachers will have the opportunity to apply for acceptance during an enrollment period that will end on July 1, 2009. Participation is strictly voluntary.

The details of the Program are:

- Teachers will enroll in coursework at a local University leading toward a Master's Degree in Special Education.
- The entire cost of tuition, fees and books necessary toward obtaining the Master's degree in Special Education will be paid by the District.
- Teacher's who complete the Master's program will agree to be available to teach in a special education assignment for three consecutive school years, beginning with the 2009-10 school year. None of the cost of tuition, fees and books paid by the District will be subject to full or partial repayment if this condition is met.
- The Teacher and the District will cooperate to obtain an Intern Special Education Credential from the Commission on Teacher Credentialing.
- Participating Teachers will receive salary schedule advancement credit for all completed coursework in the Program.

If you are interested in the Program, and to obtain more details, please attend one of the following information sessions hosted by the District and SDEA, at the SDEA Offices located at 10393 San Diego Mission Road, Suite 100, San Diego, CA 92108. The District and SDEA both emphasize that this Program is strictly voluntary, and no teacher should feel pressure to participate.

Session #1: June 22, 2009, at 4:00pm

Session #2: June 29, 2009, at 4:00pm

If you have questions, please contact Steve Johnson or Marc Capitelli at SDEA (1-619-283-4411)