

LAKE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
Office of the Superintendent

Teacher Credentialing: Approved Program Sponsor – Intern Program

ISSUE

Lake County Office of Education is proposing the development of a comprehensive Teacher Credentialing Program beginning with a multiple subject intern program and an Education Specialist – Mild/Moderate intern program. These programs will serve all six Lake County school districts and COE programs.

BACKGROUND/PREVIOUS BOARD ACTIVITY

Currently LCOE is in a partnership with Mendocino County Office of Education and the North Coast School of Education (NCSOE) to offer an Education Specialist mild/moderate Intern Program. The cost of the NCSOE program makes this partnership unsustainable; therefore LCOE will offer a Special Education Mild/Moderate intern program instead of the single subject intern program.

DISCUSSION

A prerequisite for submitting an intern program is for an agency to become an Approved Program Sponsor. Therefore the Educational Services Department is requesting approval from the Lake County Board of Education to pursue becoming an Approved Program Sponsor and subsequently develop a multiple subject and a single subject intern program with an anticipated start date of January 2019.

Underprepared Teachers			
Year	PIP	STSP	Variable Term Waiver
2014-15	15	3	
2015-16	15	16	
2016-17	31	15	
2017-18	18	21	7

Despite vigorous recruitment efforts Districts have been forced to hire an increasing number of under-qualified teachers to ensure that every student starts the school year with a full-time teacher in their classroom. As we begin the 2017-18 school year, over 10% of teachers from across Lake County hold either a Provisional Internship Permit (PIP), Short Term Staff Permit (STSP), or are teaching under a general waiver.

FISCAL, STAFFING, AND FACILITIES

Initial application fees will be \$2,000, however once developed the intern programs will be self-sustaining based on candidate fees.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION

The County Superintendent recommends the Lake County Board of Education approve the request for LCOE to apply to become an Approved Program Sponsor and instruct the Educational Services Department to develop a multiple subject and single subject intern program.

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