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news release

California receives State Personnel Development Grant to fund teacher training in Special Education

\$2,200,000 in federal funds each year for five year to improve results for students with disabilities.

Sacramento, September 12, 2007: The California Department of Education announced today that the state has been awarded a five-year, \$11,000,000 federal grant to improve outcomes for students with disabilities. The “State Personnel Development Grant” was submitted to the U.S. Department of Education in March on behalf of the Improving Special Education Services (ISES) Partnership and subsequently won the highest ratings and highest funding from federal reviewers in the competitive award process. Over the next five years, these grant dollars will be used to fund teacher training and other related activities designed to improve education for all children, with a particular focus on better results for individuals with disabilities.

The ISES developed the work plan for the grant with input from parents, educators, and interested community members across the state. The grant activities will provide support in several areas that are vital to improving student outcomes: in personnel development training and technical assistance to promote effective reading instruction and positive behavior supports that use scientific/evidence-based instructional practices; and in the recruitment/retention of highly qualified special education teachers.

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