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To: All Candidates Enrolled in the Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential Programs

From: Dr. Joanne Rossi, Dean, School of Education and Leadership

CC: Business Office Manager, University Registrar, & Multiple and Single Subject Programs

RE: Teacher Performance Assessment Fee Effective Fall, 2007 for Multiple And Single Subject Credential Program Candidates

Background
On September 28, 2006, the Governor signed Senate Bill 1209 into law for which among its provisions regarding credentialing, requires all Commission-approved teacher preparation programs to require passage of a rigorous, standardized teaching performance assessment in order to make a credential recommendation for a Multiple or Single Subject Teaching Credential on or after July 1, 2008. We are asking for your understanding and cooperation as NDNU transitions into full compliance. We will begin implementing new features beginning this fall, 2007.

How are you affected?
For students entering the first semester of student teaching or intern seminar this fall, the seminar courses have been redesigned to integrate several elements of a subject-specific assessment known as the Performance Assessment for California Teachers, or PACT. The PACT, in its entirety, will be required as part of the second semester seminar. More information about PACT will be given through your seminar instructor and at orientation. Please note that there are no changes to the overall curricular program units or requirements for eligibility for student teaching or internship.

Since full compliance entails more than the implementation of the assessment component in seminar, all candidates in the Multiple or Single Subject Program, regardless of when they initially enrolled, will be charged a one-time 'Teacher Performance Assessment' fee of $200. The fee helps defray the overall expenditures of meeting compliance program-wide for both programs. The fee will be assessed to the candidate on or after registration for courses this fall or the next subsequent semester to which the candidate enrolls.

If you have any questions regarding this fee, please do not hesitate to contact Laty Johnson in the Credentials Office at (650) 508-3545 or email at credentials@ndnu.edu. You may reach me directly at (650) 508-3613.

The most current Tuition and Fee schedule can be accessed online at, http://www.ndnu.edu/academics/catalog/current/TuitionFees.aspx.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation to this matter.