



Joint School District No. 2

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SUPERINTENDENT
Dr. Linda Clark

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TO: Board of Trustees
FROM: Catherine Thornton, Director of Special Populations
RE: Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New Certification

The purpose of this memo is to request that the Board of Trustees declare a “critical need” in the hiring of special education teachers. While we were able to hire a significant number of special education teachers for the 2006-07 school year, we have been unable to fill all positions with special education certificated personnel.

According to the “Idaho Department of Education Professional School Personnel Certification Standards” manual, the purpose of an Alternative Authorization – Teacher to new Certification is “to allow Idaho public school districts to request emergency endorsement/certification when a professional position cannot be filled with someone who has the correct endorsement/certification.” As found in the “Idaho Department of Education Professional School Personnel Certification Standards” manual, an Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New Certification application is considered when a local school district has made every effort to find a competent, fully certified teacher for a position and is unable to do so.

Joint School District #2 has advertised in multiple sites, including colleges and universities, professional journals and websites, and newspapers. It is our expectation that we provide our students with the best possible teacher to meet their academic needs.

We are requesting that the following positions be filled with the following Alternative Authorization – Teacher to New Certification requests:

Kim Aronson	LSMS	Resource Room
Joanne Coburn	MMS	Resource Room
Tonya George	McMillan	Extended Resource Room
Debra Koetter	Meridian Elem.	Resource Room
Brenda Lewis	Meridian Elem.	Resource Room
Jana O’Neil	LSMS	Resource Room
Brandon Owen	LCMS	Positive Behavioral Intervention Program
Phillip Schoensee	EHS	Extended Resource Room
Madonna Smith	Seven Oaks	Resource Room

Thank you for your consideration of this crucial issue.

Superintendent

Board Chairman