

# TEACHING AND LEARNING

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- Standards Revision Process



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- Data Analysis
- Private School

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- English Language Arts Standards
- Preschool Through 12th Grade Literacy Programs
- SB 127 Projects



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- Expanded Student Access to High Quality School Readiness Programs Grant
- Preschool Professional Learning

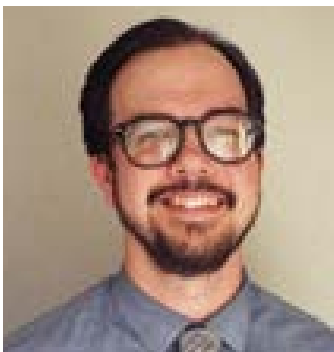


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- LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) Grant
- Professional Learning Grant



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- Kindergarten Entry and Exit Profile (KEEP) Assessment data
- Preschool Entry and Exit Profile (PEEP) Assessment data



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- Kindergarten



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- Early Literacy Program Grant



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- Educator Testing
- License Policy
- Research and Data



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- General Educator Licensing
- LEA Cactus Support
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- License Renewals
- Teacher Salary Supplement Program
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- Educator Exit and Engagement Surveys
- Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Grant
- Title II Reporting



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- Educator Testing Requirements



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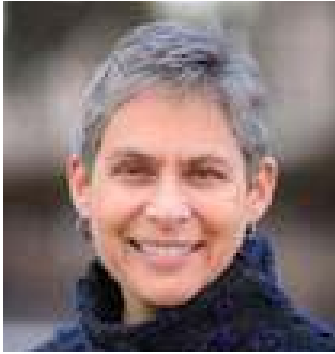
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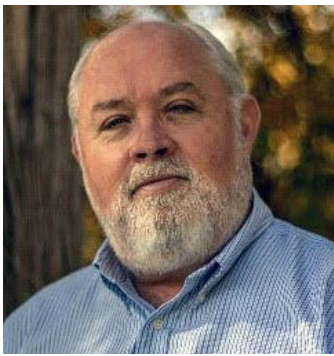


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- Elementary Mathematics Standards Support
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