The California State University
Office of the Chancellor

To: California State University Presidents
From: Charles B. Reed
Chancellor

Subject: Mathematics/Science Teacher Initiative and Teacher Recruitment Project Funding

The 2006-07 Governor’s Budget allocates $1.365 million to the CSU Math and Science Teacher Initiative (MSTI). The majority of the funding in the Governor’s Budget has been designated for program development in order to build new credential pathways. The consequence is that additional matching support for recruitment is essential in order for CSU to realize its commitment to double the numbers of math and science teachers from the CSU.

Beginning last year, campuses were to direct a substantial portion of the $75,000 allocated by the system for each campus Teacher Recruitment Project (TRP) to address the critical need in California for more highly qualified math and science teachers. This year, the TRP funds are to be directed fully in support of the CSU commitment to double math and science teacher preparation through focused recruitment activities.

The Chancellor’s Office intends to allocate Math and Science Teacher Initiative funds to all campuses in 2006-07. In order to do this, these funds must be used efficiently in combination with other related sources of support. TRP Funds therefore need to be the primary source for recruitment related activities, with MSTI funds used primarily for expanding math and science teacher credential preparation. For your reference, the TRP Guidelines are attached.

The steps for campuses to receive funding for their Math and Science Teacher Initiatives will be announced within the next month. One of the primary criteria for receiving funding will be the submission of a budget that identifies how funding for TRP and MSTI activities will be combined in recruiting and preparing new math and science teachers.

Thank you for coordinating these resources to significantly increase math and science teacher production. I look forward to hearing about your accomplishments in the coming year.

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Attachment (1)

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