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Michael Williams
Commissioner

TO THE ADMINISTRATOR ADDRESSED:

SUBJECT: 2014-2015 Teacher Shortage Areas

The Texas Education Agency (TEA) has received approval from the US Department of Education (USDE) for the 2014-2015 teacher shortage areas.

The approved shortage areas for the 2014-2015 school year are:

1. Bilingual/English as a Second Language
2. Career and Technical Education
3. Computer Science
4. English as a Second Language
5. Mathematics
6. Science
7. Special Education – Elementary and Secondary Levels

The approved shortage areas allow the administrator the ability to recruit and retain qualified teachers and to help reward teachers for their hard work using the loan forgiveness opportunities. School principals can act on behalf of the commissioner of education to certify that a teacher has met the minimum qualifications required for certain loan forgiveness programs.

Please see the TEA website (below) for all requirements of the federal, state and public service loan forgiveness programs available to teachers. All school personnel can take advantage of the public service program.

Thank you for helping to inform current and future staff about the loan forgiveness opportunities. More information about eligibility for each of the programs and application forms can be found on the TEA website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/loan.aspx>.

For additional information about loan forgiveness opportunities, please contact Viviana Lopez in the Division of Educator Leadership and Quality at viviana.lopez@tea.state.tx.us.

Sincerely,

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