



March 21, 2005

Honorable Jack Scott, Chair
Senate Committee on Education
Room 2083, State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 724 (Scott) - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Scott:

On behalf of the California Association of School Psychologists (CASP), I am writing to express our support for your Senate Bill 724, which authorizes the California State University to offer professional/clinical doctoral programs.

A key reason for the shortage of school psychologists and other student support service credentialed personnel in California is the fact that students are being turned away because of lack of programs. With increased training requirement for credentialing, it is important to allow the CSU to be authorized to independently grant professional/clinical doctorates. SB 724 recognizes the change in many professions and necessary increased training; ensures high quality professionals are available to meet the needs of the state; and responds to the changes in accreditation and licensure requirements.

In order to provide more accredited professionals, as well as satisfy changes in accreditation and licensure requirements in the state, CASP is very supportive of the authorization of California State Universities to establish professional/clinical doctoral programs

If you have any questions, please contact Chris Kahn at (916) 446-3007.

Cordially,

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cc: Members, Senate Education Committee