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Dear Ms Braundy:

We look forward to your participation in the teacher education program this year. A series of sessions is planned during the week of Monday, August 30th to Friday, September 3rd for orientation to the 1999-2000 program. Please plan to attend the general orientation session scheduled for August 30th, and the other sessions relevant to your teaching responsibilities. Changes in direction and policy will be presented in these sessions.

Teacher Education Program Orientation: This is a general orientation to the teacher education program for all persons working with the program. The orientation is scheduled for **Monday, August 30** at the University of British Columbia's **Botanical Gardens**, 6804 SW Marine Drive from **9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** Lunch will be provided. There is no charge for parking at the Botanical Gardens.

Education 418: Extended Practicum (Year 2 of the 2-year Elementary Option). All Faculty Advisors supervising students in the second year of the 2 year program (Fall, 1999) are invited to attend a meeting on **Monday, August 30** in **Scarfe 155** from **1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** [Dr. Sydney Craig, Program Coordinator, Elementary and Middle Years Practica].

Education 310 and Education 311: Principles of Teaching: An orientation meeting to prepare laboratory leaders for the course is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 31, and Wednesday, September 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** at the University of British Columbia's **Botanical Gardens**, 6804 SW Marine Drive. Lunch will be provided. [Dr. Anna Kindler, Coordinator, Principles of Teaching]

Education 316: Communication Skills in Teaching: This meeting is for all Instructors and Laboratory Leaders and will be held on **Thursday, September 2** at the University of British Columbia's **Botanical Gardens**, 6804 SW Marine Drive from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Lunch will be provided. [Ms Heather Walker and Ms Debbie Gregg, Coordinators, Communication Skills in Teaching].

All Faculty Advisors working in Projects/Options in the 12 month Elementary and Middle Years programs (CITE, PBL, Surrey, Delta, Langley, PIP and Middle Years) are invited to attend an important meeting to be held at the University of British Columbia's **Botanical Gardens**, 6804 SW Marine Drive from **10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** on **Friday, September 3.** Lunch will be served at noon. Meeting chaired by Dr. Sydney Craig and Dr. Marion Porath.

Enclosed is some additional information that will acquaint you with the Faculty of Education. The thick, multicoloured package contains the material we send to all students

interested in teacher education at UBC. In it you will find information about the requirements for the teacher education programs and an overview of these programs. I hope you will take the time to read this material; it provides information that you will find helpful in carrying out your responsibilities and responding to questions about the Faculty's programs. "Courses and Dates" is a partial list of some of the courses and practica in the teacher education programs. It provides detailed scheduling information that will help you to get a sense of the timing of some courses and school experiences.

The coming academic year should be an exciting one. Over the years the Faculty has offered different options to students preparing to teach in British Columbia. During 1999-2000 we will continue to offer options that have been developed in previous years.

In the elementary 2-year version, the Faculty will continue to provide students with the opportunity to acquire broad preparation for teaching in the elementary classroom as well as specialized preparation in one of six areas: *Early Childhood Primary, English as an Additional Language, Humanities, Mathematics and Science, Special Education, and The Expressive Arts in Education*.

Those preparing to teach at the elementary level in the Faculty's 12-month version will have a number of different pathways to common program objectives. The *Elementary Integrated Option*, offered to a cohort of 36 students who take much of their course work together with an instructional team, and experience their practica in partner schools in Delta, continues to promote the development of strong generalist teachers for elementary schools. The *Community of Inquiry for Teacher Education (C.I.T.E.)* was a new initiative in 1997. It offers a cohort of 36 students the opportunity to meet the program's objectives by taking their classes together with an instructional team, and experience their practica in selected partner schools. C.I.T.E. emphasizes curricular integration, community involvement, and opportunities for student-based inquiry into teaching and learning.

The *Problem-based Learning Option* began in 1998. This option uses tutorial and resource approach to identifying and addressing issues of professional practice. This option is available to 36 students who will work in groups of 9 students throughout the program. The *Primary Integrated Option*, offered to a cohort of 36 students who take much of their course work together, is designed to emphasize preparation for teaching grades K-3.

As you know, the faculty has pursued partnerships with teachers' associations and school districts in the conduct of the practicum. The Surrey project will continue to use a sponsor-schools approach to the practicum, expanding to offer 36 students the opportunity to undertake their course work in Education 310 and Education 316 as well as their practica in the Surrey School District. Practicum projects in Langley School District will begin their second year.

The Faculty will also continue to offer the *French as a Second Language Option* to applicants who have satisfactory French language skills and who wish to develop the knowledge and skills to introduce French as a second language in classrooms, and the *French Immersion Option* to those fluent in French who teach the school curriculum in primary or intermediate grades in the French language or in bilingual schools.

In 1999-2000, we will once again offer 72 students the opportunity to enroll in the middle years version of the teacher education program. Our collaboration with the Coquitlam School District and the Coquitlam teachers will continue and our more recent collaboration with the Chilliwack School District will continue as well.

Those preparing to teach at the secondary level will also have a variety of options from which to choose. In addition to the *French Second Language* and *French Immersion* options, the Faculty will offer students preparing to teach particular subjects at the secondary level the opportunity to study certain of their courses together. Those preparing to teach art will enroll in the *Secondary Methods in Art Education*, those preparing to teach mathematics will enroll in the *Secondary Mathematics Integrated project*, and those interested in technology studies education will enroll in the *Technology Studies Integrated Option*.

A cross-disciplinary experience is offered to students interested in *Secondary Mathematics, Science and Technology*. To students with an interest in teaching English and social studies from a perspective that emphasizes the humanities and a commitment to exploring issues of social justice, the *Secondary Humanities and Social Justice* option is offered.

As you can see, the Faculty of Education continues to offer a variety of different pathways to the common goal of preparing excellent, beginning classroom teachers. Regardless of the program version or option that they have chosen, all students meet the same requirements and address the same program content.

Should you have any questions at all about any of this material or your responsibilities, please do not hesitate to contact me at 822-6045. The year ahead will be a demanding and, I hope a rewarding one for all of us. I look forward to seeing you on Monday, August 30th. Please RSVP to Christina Elliott, Teacher Education Office Receptionist at 822-5242. Please also inform Christina if you have particular dietary needs.

Sincerely yours,



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