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Dear Colleagues,

University of California Online Provider and Course Policy Update

Due to unanticipated delays and the measured progress regarding the vetting and approval of sufficient online providers, a determination has been made that the use of the principal certification process will be extended. Please see the implementation and policy statements and link below.

Based upon the UC's desire to ensure that students have access to a broad range of high quality and comprehensive online courses meeting the faculty's standards of rigor, the extension of the principal certification process will be indefinite until such time as the UC has approved sufficient numbers of providers as well as a suitable number of comprehensive courses to be added to their UC Doorways course lists.

During the interim, schools may continue to utilize the principal certification process for online courses, except for those in the "d" laboratory science and "f" visual and performing arts subject areas. We will revisit the expiration of this policy in the future and we will provide ample notification to schools and districts regarding when the policy will expire.

Principal Certification Policy

In order for coursework completed by non-UC approved online courses* to be recognized by UC in the application and admissions process, the principal of the student's home high school must certify that the course is comparable to other college preparatory courses offered at the high school. UC expects that such 'certification' follows a careful review of the curriculum and/or testing of ability level by the principal, department chair, district curriculum director, or other qualified school/district personnel. The principal designates his/her certification by granting permission for the course to be listed on the student's transcript, along with credits granted and grades earned.

*Some online programs are UC-approved, but their courses may be pending "a-g" approval. During the course review process, principal certification can be used for students enrolled in these courses.

Sincerely,

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UC Principal Certification Policy

The Director of Pacific View Charter School (PVCS) will utilize the UC principal certification process for PVCS's online core courses based on the University of California Online Provider and Course Policy Update (attached). The online courses are delivered by two online curriculum vendors, Apex Learning® and K12®, who are both UC approved as an online provider and are awaiting their entire a-g course list approval. The Director of PVCS will certify the Apex Learning® and K12® online core subject courses only, not including lab sciences, fine arts, foreign languages, and elective courses. The principal certification process is reliant on the following qualifying factors:

- 1) Extended permission granted by the UC to certify online courses of UC approved vendors.
- 2) Evaluation of Apex Learning® and K12® online core courses conducted by PVCS Highly Qualified Teachers in each subject area.
- 3) Further evaluation and comparison of the online courses to the California State Standards and PVCS established a-g approved courses by the PVCS Curriculum Coordinator.

For additional information on the UC Principal Certification Policy go to:

http://www.ucop.edu/a-gGuide/ag/online_course.html