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BUREAU OF SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND TEACHER QUALITY
DIVISION OF CERTIFICATION SERVICES

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RE: Teacher Information Management System (TIMS) Public Website Available

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) provides educators and interested public parties the ability to view certification information. The information may be accessed on PDE's website at www.education.state.pa.us on the Certifications page under the Quick Reference links (Certification Status Search) or directly at www.teachercertification.pa.gov.

Information may be searched using a number of different methods:
- Name using the first name, last name, with full or partial information;
- Educational Entity;
- Professional Personnel ID (PPID) number.

When searching by name or educational entity the following information will be provided:
- Credential
- Issue date
- Expiration date
- Continuing education status
- Credential status
- Place of employment
- Discipline status

Searching by PPID returns the
- Credential
- Issue date
- Expiration date
- Continuing education status
- Credential status
- Discipline status
- Applications in process
- Application status and status date

No additional identifying information is provided for security reasons.

Partial information searches are available. For example, when searching for names with unusual spelling, punctuation or spaces, such as D'Angelo/DeAngelo/D Angelo you may wish to use a percent sign (%) to represent the various spellings. D%Angelo will return the possibilities listed in the example above. You may also enter partial spellings, such as Weinb to find Weinburg, Weinberg, and Weinbrenner.