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Dear OTAC Members,

**RE: OT School-based Credential Initiative**

The OTAC School-based Practice Subcommittee is ready to move forward in building our base of support for the OT School-based Credential Initiative and hope you are ready for action. The Subcommittee is open to all OTAC members, similar to the AOTA Special Interest Sections, and we encourage participation whether or not you would like to be actively involved in a leadership capacity.

In terms of time commitment and responsibility, the initial time commitment for a regional leadership role is one to two years with quarterly and sometimes monthly conference calls, attendance at the OTAC Annual Meeting (October 30, 2016) at the Annual Conference in Pasadena (October 28-30, 2016) and ability to contribute to hosting local meetings. Activities can include but are not limited to advocacy, making recommendations for relevant continuing education, providing opportunities for professional networking, and securing recommendations for published or online resources. You are welcomed to contact us at [OTACschoolbasedpractice@otaconline.org](mailto:OTACschoolbasedpractice@otaconline.org).

As you may already know, OTAC has been advocating for a credential for occupational therapists practicing in the California public schools. OTAC representatives have met with the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and key Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) leaders with positive reception and feedback. The next step is to provide evidence of support from our profession.

Sincerely,

**OTAC School-based Practice Subcommittee Co-chairs**

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