



## CALL TO ACTION AB 2386

### Support the Services Credential for OTs in Public Schools

**About the bill.** One of OTAC's sponsored bills this legislative session is the **OT and PT School Credential AB 2386**, a joint initiative with the California Physical Therapy Association (CPTA). This bill would direct the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to form a work group to determine any required prerequisites and detail the process to acquire a Services Credential for occupational therapists working in public schools.

The school credential is important to enhance student outcomes by creating a pathway for OTs and PTs to be in a variety of positions serving the educational system, influencing program design, budget allocations (caseloads and workloads), and personnel management. A credential will reconcile employment status in schools with our level of education, allow professional growth into administrative and leadership positions in schools, and build professional awareness of OT's and PT's role in serving the educational system, children, and families. For more details, please see the detailed summary provided.

**Attend the hearing.** The OT PT School Credential AB 2386 will be heard by the Assembly Education Committee on **Wednesday, April 25 at 1:30 pm at the California State Capitol Building, Room 4202** (room subject to change). OTAC invites and *strongly encourages* all practitioners and students to attend this committee hearing to demonstrate support.

**If you are able to attend.** Let us know to expect you by emailing Karen C. Polastri, IOM, Executive Director [execdir@otaonline.org](mailto:execdir@otaonline.org). Arrive 15 minutes early and meet outside the hearing room. The hearing will be held at the California State Capitol Building, room 4202. NOTE: *Room subject to change.*

**Write a letter.** OTAC understands many individuals will not be able to attend this hearing. You may also support this bill by submitting a letter of support to the Chair of the Assembly Education Committee. It is vital to demonstrate as much support as possible for this bill. A template letter and instructions have been provided. **Send letter by Tuesday, April 24.**

**Notify us.** After you submit your letter, please kindly inform OTAC that you have done so by e-mailing Karen C. Polastri, IOM ([execdirec@otaonline.org](mailto:execdirec@otaonline.org)).

**Questions.** If you have any questions regarding this bill or the letters, please contact:

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