Develop an online "Teacher-match" as part of the credentialing program where student teachers and cooperating/master teachers create online profiles and are matched based on specific needs.

CURRENT CHALLENGE:

As part of the teacher credentialing program, more than 200 teacher candidates are assigned to a cooperating/master teacher each semester. This process includes communicating with various school districts within the Central Valley and requesting voluntary placements with their best teachers. From beginning to end, it takes approximately 10 weeks to accomplish this very large and complicated task.

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

Imagine an online "Teacher-match" solution where student teachers & cooperating/master teachers create online profiles. Using their profile data, student teachers are matched to a cooperating/master teacher that fits their specific needs. For example, a student who lives in Sanger and wants to become an English teacher could be matched with a cooperating/master teacher in a neighboring district based on the concentration (i.e. drama), interests, school site location, just to name a few!

BENEFITS TO FRESNO STATE:

The backend of this web-based tool would allow our partnering districts to approve all cooperating/master teachers, thereby improving our partnerships with the districts and allowing a streamlined mode of communication. Ultimately, this solution could cut down on weeks of paper-based processing and allow the Field Placement office to maintain a database of cooperating/master teachers that can be quickly accessed each semester. This would free up the field placement staff to place students on-time, submit contracts for student teacher supervisors on time, and provide more quality to our interactions with the students we serve

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

There is nothing currently available like this on the market. This web-based tool has the potential to be expanded to other teacher credentialing programs in the CSU System