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Dear California English Language Development Test (CELDT) District Coordinator:

Subject: Transition from the CELDT to the ELPAC

As the transition to the new California English language proficiency test approaches, local educational agencies (LEAs) should begin preparing to transition from the CELDT to the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC). Information about the transition to the new assessment is available on the California Department of Education's (CDE's) Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/el/>. The *2016–17 and 2017–18 CELDT Information Guide* is located at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep/documents/celdt1618guide.pdf>.

This e-mail provides information on how LEAs should begin planning for the administration of the 2016–17 and 2017–18 editions of the CELDT.

2016–17 Edition

The 2016–17 Edition will be administered as usual—there are no changes with regard to:

- Who to test—all Annual Assessment (AA) and Initial Assessment (IA) students must be tested
- The testing schedule—the AA window is from July 1 through October 31, 2016, and IAs are tested through June 30, 2017
- The data review module—opens in March 2017

2017–18 Edition

In general, preparations for the 2017–18 Edition of the CELDT and their associated timeframes will remain the same; however, there are some important changes to be aware of:

- The 2017–18 Edition of the CELDT will be given only to IAs (i.e., students who have never taken the CELDT in the past).
- LEAs will only order the number of CELDT Answer Books and Test Books they need to test IAs within the 2017–18 school year (July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018).

- LEAs will administer the CELDT to IAs throughout the 2017–18 school year; students identified as English learners prior to January 1, 2018, and existing AAs will take the ELPAC Summative Assessment in spring 2018. (For information on testing AAs during the 2017–18 year, refer to the CDE's ELPAC Web site at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/ep/>, and the ELPAC program Web site at: <http://www.elpac.org/>.)

The other major elements of the CELDT program that will remain the same are:

- LEAs will begin to receive communications about the 2017–18 CELDT Scoring Training of Trainers (STOT) workshops in November 2016, and registration for the workshops will open in February 2017. Trainers who have not attended a STOT workshop in the past will be required to attend.
- The Initial Ordering of IA-only test materials and the Superintendent Designation of CELDT District Coordinator windows will open in early March 2017.
- The STOT workshops will be held in early spring 2017, and makeup workshops will be held in August 2017.
- 2017–18 Edition Initial Order of IA-only test material shipments will be shipped to districts from late May through June 15, 2017.
- The testing window for IAs will open July 1, 2017.

If you have any questions about the upcoming editions of the CELDT, please contact the CELDT Customer Support Center by phone at 866-850-1039 or by e-mail at support@celdt.org.

Sincerely,

/s/

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