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Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

UPDATE ON THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY ASSESSMENTS FOR CALIFORNIA

The California Department of Education (CDE) is pleased to provide you with an update of on-going test development activities for the English Language Proficiency Assessments for California (ELPAC).

Item Development

From February 22 to February 25, 2016, Educational Testing Service, the ELPAC contractor, provided item writer training to 42 California educators, many of whom continued writing test items beyond the training.

ELPAC Field Testing

The ELPAC summative assessment (SA) field test is planned to occur from March 6 to April 14, 2017. Local educational agencies (LEAs) that are identified in the ELPAC sampling plan will be notified in September 2016. Participation in the SA field test will be voluntary, and by invitation only. In February 2017, there will be a mandatory training for ELPAC test administrators of LEAs that agree to participate in the SA field test.

The field test for the ELPAC initial assessment (IA) is planned to occur from August 28 to September 22, 2017. LEAs that agree to participate in the SA field test will be expected to participate in the IA field test. Additional information regarding the IA field test will be included in a subsequent update.

The CDE will continue to reach out to you periodically with updates on the development of the ELPAC. You can also subscribe to the ELPAC listserv by sending a blank e-mail to subscribe-elpac@mlist.cde.ca.gov.

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If you have questions, please contact the English Language Proficiency Assessments Office by phone at 916-319-0784 or by e-mail at elpac@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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