



EDUCATIONAL DATA SYSTEMS

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Dear CELDT District Coordinators:

**GETTING STARTED WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENGLISH LANGUAGE
DEVELOPMENT TEST (CELDT) 2009-2010**

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with important information related to the 2009-2010 CELDT that begins with the Annual Administration (AA) and Initial Identification (II) testing of students that will begin July 1, 2009.

The new contractor and its team. Educational Data Systems, the new contractor for the CELDT for the 2009-2010 through 2011-12 school years, along with our subcontractors, the Sacramento County office of Education (SCOE), MetriTech, Inc., and Kornerstone Technologies (KST), is committed to providing a smooth transition and an efficient system for districts to administer the CELDT. For almost two decades, Educational Data Systems has worked with the California Department of Education (CDE) and California school districts on assessment programs, including, most recently, the Physical Fitness program and the Designated Primary Language Test (DPLT). The Center for Student Assessment and Program Accountability at SCOE will provide the coordination of workshops and scoring training for the CELDT. MetriTech, Inc. will provide the item and test development activities, open-ended item scoring, and technical analysis related to scoring and reporting the CELDT. KST will run the professional customer support center and will work closely with Educational Data Systems and the CDE to provide the highest level of customer support.

Transition from CTB. The monthly Initial Identification (II) testing of students through June 30, 2009, will continue to be administered by CTB/McGraw-Hill (CTB). Questions related to obtaining 2008-09 Edition test materials, shipping the student tests to CTB for processing, and receiving reports and data files for all testing that occurs through June 30, 2009, should continue to be directed to CTB at 800-944-8594 or by e-mail at celdthelpdesk@ctb.com. Attachment 1 provides a table summarizing which entity to contact for assistance with your CELDT administration and program needs.

Changes to the grade K-1 assessment. Currently, the CELDT assesses four domains: listening, speaking, reading, and writing. Up to the 2008-09 Edition, students in kindergarten and grade one (K-1), however, were tested in the domains of listening and speaking only. With the amendments to *Education Code* Section 60810 (Senate Bill 80) in

2007, and in compliance with Title III of No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, the CDE now is required to test K-1 students in the domains of reading and writing (K-1 Early Literacy assessment). The AA and II testing that will begin July 1, 2009, will require K-1 students be tested with the new reading and writing tests.

CELDT Live! Throughout the coming months, Educational Data Systems will be hosting a series of WebEx presentations called *CELDT Live!* These presentations will provide you with practical, step-by-step information related to the administration and implementation of the CELDT, covering topics such as ordering test materials, uploading pre-ID data files, and packing and shipping tests to Educational Data Systems for processing. The topic of our first *CELDT Live!* WebEx presentation, to be held on March 17 at 3:30 p.m., will be the online ordering process. The dates, times and topics for each *CELDT Live!* presentation will be posted on the CELDT Web site at <http://www.celdt.org/workshops/>.

Ordering testing materials for 2009-2010. For AA and II testing that will begin July 1, 2009, the ordering window for test materials will be open from March 16 to April 3, 2009. Ordering will be done online through the new CELDT Web site at <http://www.celdt.org>. **Important:** In order to place your order for test materials, you must have a secure login ID and password. This login information will be sent via e-mail to *only* those CELDT district coordinators with a signed Superintendent's Designee form on file. This form was provided in an earlier e-mail from the CDE, however if you did not receive it, you can download it from the Home page of the CELDT web site.

Scoring Training of Trainers (STOT) Workshops. The STOT workshops (previously called Pre-Administration Workshops) will be held around the state from April 30 through June 12, 2009. Make-up workshops will be held in late July and early August. Please go to the CELDT Web site and click on Workshops for a complete listing of dates and locations, and to access the online registration system. A separate packet with details related to the STOT workshops will be mailed to all CELDT district coordinators.

Web site and customer support. The contact information for the Educational Data Systems customer support center is:

Telephone: 866-850-1039
Fax: 866-746-3274
E-mail: support@celdt.org
Web site: <http://www.celdt.org>

The Web site will be under construction for the next several weeks as we begin our work on CELDT, so check back often to obtain more information on the upcoming *CELDT Live!* WebEx presentations, the STOT workshops, item writing and content and bias review opportunities, and other helpful resources.

Test Security Agreement. Attachment 2 provides the 2009-2010 CELDT District Coordinator Test Security Agreement to be filled out, signed, and kept on file in the school district office. The CELDT district coordinator is responsible for safeguarding all test

materials, obtaining a *Test Security Affidavit* from all personnel having access to tests and test materials, and reporting any and all breaches in security to Educational Data Systems' customer support center immediately.

We are pleased to be on board with California school districts and charter schools, and to be working with the CDE to manage and implement the CELDT. We look forward to a productive and successful assessment year ahead. Educational Data Systems and its subcontractors are dedicated to providing you with excellent service and customer support. We welcome your feedback and value your opinion. Please visit the *Contact Us* page on our CELDT Web site to send us your thoughts.

If you have any questions regarding the 2009-2010 CELDT, please contact the new CELDT customer support service center at the number above, or contact Lily Roberts, Ph.D., Administrator, CELDT office, at 916-319-0784 or by e-mail at lroberts@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caroline Fahmy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Caroline Fahmy
President

Attachments