Dear colleagues,

This field memo contains important and timely updates regarding policies and procedures related to the education of English learners (ELs). You are receiving this e-mail because your district has identified you in PIMS as a point of contact for the language instruction educational program (LIEP) in your district. If you are not the appropriate person to receive this information, please do not respond to this e-mail, but rather pass this along to the appropriate person and contact your administration to correct the point of contact in PIMS.

The K-12 identification procedure has been updated and will be posted to the <u>EL Identification</u>, <u>Placement</u>, <u>and Screening page</u> on the PDE website. The document revision date is February 2022. The updates are minor and meant to provide additional clarification for the existing policy. Please ensure that district personnel who are responsible for conducting the identification process for English learners are aware of this update and have reviewed the procedure.

As a reminder, there is a self-paced online training tutorial covering the identification process on the <u>ELD</u> <u>Portal</u> (scroll to the bottom of the page for links to the tutorials).

For any questions related to policies or guidance, please feel free to contact a member of the EL team at PDE – Bob Measel (romeasel@pa.gov) or Julia Hutton (juhutton@pa.gov).

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