

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.***

Personnel transition,

The Statewide Multilingual Education Program Manager at the Center for Schools and Communities (CSC), Dr. Andrea Kolb, has accepted a new position as the Vice President of Education at WITF and will be leaving the Center at the end of the month. We are very sad to see her go, but excited for her as she embarks on a new chapter in her career serving the students, parents, and teachers of Pennsylvania. Andrea has been an exceptionally strong partner for the Department over the years and has been instrumental in developing new and ongoing research, organizing support for the field, providing technical assistance, facilitating the annual Summit, and developing and delivering a wide range of content to practitioners. It is our hope and plan to continue working with Andrea in her new role, and we will continue to contract with her to provide professional learning going forward. The Center will be posting the position shortly, and it will be filled as soon as possible. In the meantime, please direct any policy-related inquiries to either me or Julia Hutton.

We will be scheduling additional office hours meeting over the coming months as we transition to new leadership within the EL program at CSC. Please check the [ELD Portal](#) for the updated office hours schedule. We will also be updating the Portal with the fall professional learning calendar in the next week. Please ensure that your staff are aware of the no-cost PL opportunities being made available from PDE.

Translation Library

The translation library must remain down for the time being as we work through some final contract issues. We are doing everything possible to open it back up as soon as possible and will notify the field as soon as we are able to do so.

Professional learning

We are in the process of updating the professional learning schedule for fall. Please check the [ELD Portal](#) for all professional learning opportunities and resources including the upcoming ELD Summit.

You will receive updates to all professional learning activities if you subscribe to the e-mail list on the Portal.

The Center for Schools and Communities transitioned to a new platform for maintaining contact lists. If you subscribed prior to July 29th, your email subscription **expired on July 29**. ***In order to continue receiving ELD communications, you must subscribe to the new contact lists by clicking on the “Subscribe Now” link below.*** If you missed the July 29 deadline, you may still subscribe at any time, but will not receive any communications sent between July 30 and the date on which you subscribe.

ELD in PA Updates include the following:

- Information related to the annual ELD conference sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Education
- Field memos and professional learning opportunities from the Pennsylvania Department of Education's ELD team

Multilingual Education emails include the following:

- Announcements about upcoming professional learning opportunities offered by the Center for Schools and Communities' ELD team
- Additional communications about events and professional learning opportunities from other initiatives at the Center for Schools and Communities (e.g. Center for Safe Schools, Migrant Education Program, Center for the Promotion of Social Emotional Learning, etc.)

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Please direct any questions to the ELD team at ESL@csc.csiu.org.

Previous field memos can be accessed on the [ELD Portal](#).

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).

For questions related to professional learning or the ELD Portal, please contact Allison Kreitzer at the Center for Schools and Communities (akreitzer@csc.csiu.org),

You can reach Andrea Kolb at the Center for Schools and Communities at akolb@csc.csiu.org (this e-mail will no longer be active after September 2nd).

For questions related to ELs with disabilities, please contact Maria Ronneburger at PaTTAN (mronneburger@pattan.net)

For questions related specifically to the translation library or translated documents, please e-mail translationslibrary@csc.csiu.org.

Best,

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