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2014 ELA/ELD Framework

In 2011, Assembly Bill 250 authorized the revision of the *English Language Arts/English Language Development Framework*. The framework will align with the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts (CCSS ELA) and will incorporate new English Language Development Standards. Adoption by the State Board of Education is expected in 2014. We are pleased to announce that **CAR has been contracted by the California Department of Education to author the revised framework.** Nancy Brynelson and Hallie Yopp Slowik will serve as primary writers of the document. They will work with the Instructional Quality Commission and the Curriculum Framework and Evaluation Criteria Committee. Numerous opportunities for public review and comment will be provided by the California Department of Education during the process. We encourage CSU faculty to check CAR's twitter site regularly for these opportunities. Go to www.twitter.com/csucar.

Focus Groups

ELA/ELD Focus Groups will meet at four sites in the state in the next few weeks. They will offer suggestions regarding the contents of the framework, specifically what guidance and information should be included in the document to support implementation of the CCSS ELA. The public is welcome to attend. Focus Group meetings will be held at the following days and locations:

- May 22 -- Orange County Department of Education
- May 31 -- California Department of Education, Sacramento, and by videoconference at Siskiyou, Butte, Sonoma, and Riverside County Offices of Education
- June 4 -- Monterey County Office of Education
- June 5 -- Contra Costa County Office of Education

We encourage CSU reading faculty to participate. For more information on the revision of the framework, go to www.cde.ca.gov/ci/rl/cf.

Framework Committee

The California Department of Education and the State Board of Education are currently recruiting applicants for the Curriculum Framework and Evaluation Criteria Committee. This committee will meet six times (2 days each time) between February and June 2013 to assist with the revision of the *ELA/ELD Framework*. Applications, available at www.cde.ca.gov/ci/fl/cf, will be accepted until August 16, 2012. Apply! Your expertise and experience are needed.

ELD Standards

In accordance with Assembly Bill 124, the English Language Development standards are currently being updated, revised, and aligned with the English Language Arts standards. Focus Groups met in five locations in the state during February 2012 to offer input. A panel of experts was then convened to draft the standards. The panel includes educators from school districts, county offices, and institutions of higher education who have experience with English language instruction, curriculum, or assessment. Draft standards will be available for public review and comment this summer. In accordance with the timeline adopted by the State Board of Education (SBE), State Superintendent of Public Schools Torlaksen will issue recommended standards to SBE by August 31. The Board is expected to act on the recommended standards in November. For more information about the development of the ELD standards, including opportunities to attend or observe Input Meetings, view the following web page: www.cde.ca.gov/sp/el/er/eldstandards.asp.

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