

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

INFORMATIVE

DATE: December 18, 2009

TO: Board Members
Ramon C. Cortines, Superintendent

FROM: Sharon Valea ~~Robinson~~, Ed.D.
Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN RACE TO THE TOP PARTNERSHIP

Yesterday, ABX5 4 (a new version of Senator Romero's bill) passed out of the State Senate, which removes the barriers to California's eligibility for Race to the Top funds. The Bill now has to go back to the Assembly for approval to pass the final impediment.

The following is a summary of the provisions of the State applying for Race to the Top funds:

- Race to the Top offers an opportunity to strategically build upon our current efforts and invest in key supports that:
 - 1) Refine our current rigorous state standards and assessment system;
 - 2) Provide new supports for teachers and principals aimed at improving effectiveness;
 - 3) Enhance local data systems and coordinate those systems with state data systems to support instruction; and
 - 4) Turn around the lowest-achieving schools.

- LEAs must commit to implementing all 4 key issues.
- LEAs' participation in RTTT is voluntary.
- The MOU will have exit criteria for LEAs who may not be able to comply with all requirements.
- State's application will be strongest if a large number of LEAs participate and each MOU has approval of board and bargaining unit. (We can work with UTLA to create a document that says we will collaborate/negotiate to achieve our goals.)
- Race to the Top should be incorporated into LEA plan.
- All LEAs that participate will partner with the state to develop new growth models.
- CDE anticipates \$350-\$700 million if application is successful. CDE will calculate the approximate amount to each LEA after MOUs are received on January 8.

If LAUSD wants to participate in California's Race to the Top, we must meet the following timeline:

- Submit a statement of intent to apply by **December 31, 2009** via email to: info@caracetothetop.org. The intent to apply email is not binding.
- Schedule a special Board meeting by **January 8, 2010** to secure the Board's approval.

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- Submit the signed MOU as a PDF by email to: info@caracetothetop.org or via fax to the California Department of Education at 916-319-0100 by **January 8, 2010**.
- State Application is due to the U. S. Department of Education by **January 19, 2010**.

I will be working closely with Julie Washington to develop language for the MOU. Coordinating with Matt Hill, Peggy Barber and Edgar Zazueta, we will prepare the required documents and meet the deadlines.

Attachments (2)

MOU letter

MOU attachment

c: Jim Morris
David Holmquist
Judy Elliott
Jefferson Crain
Matt Hill
Peggy Barber
Debbie Ernst
Edgar Zazueta

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DATE: December 22, 2009

TO: Board Members
Ramon C. Cortines, Superintendent

FROM: Sharon Valear Robinson, Ed.D.
Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: RACE TO THE TOP MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

Attached is a copy of the letter inviting Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to participate in the State's Race to the Top application for federal funding and the California's Race to the Top participating Local Educational Agency (LEA) Memorandum of Understanding.

If you have any questions or need more information please contact me.

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