

**Regional Assessment Network Meeting**  
**January 9, 2009**  
**Sacramento, CA**

This meeting summary is intended for use by Regional Assessment Network (RAN) members to disseminate information within their region in order to strengthen communications and build a greater understanding of and support for state assessment and accountability.

**CELDT Update (Lily Roberts & Kristen Brown)**

CTB/McGraw-Hill, the current testing contractor for the California English Language Development Test (CELDT), will open the data review module for school district review from January 26 through February 18, 2009.

The current CELDT contract runs through December 2009. The CDE is in the process of selecting a new contractor for the next CELDT contract which has an anticipated start date of February 2009.

The CDE has received many inquiries about the availability of alternate assessments for students with severe cognitive disabilities who are not able to take one or more parts of the CELDT. Some funds have been made available through a WestEd grant to assist CELDT staff in working with a small group of English learner and special education experts and representatives from the field to identify what is currently being used in school districts and issues and suggestions in working with alternative assessments. The information gathered from this project will be used to develop guidelines for helping school districts evaluate the most appropriate alternate assessments for their students. The CELDT Technical Advisory Group (TAG) will help identify members for the work group. The material developed through the work group and information gathered from selected district participants will be incorporated into the CELDT assistance packet for county office, school district, and school staff, which will be posted in fall 2009.

Approximately 140 questions for the reading and writing parts of the CELDT for kindergarten and grade one have been drafted and have moved through content and bias reviews. Schools interested in participating in the field test in spring 2009 are encouraged to e-mail Kristen Brown, CELDT Consultant, at [kbrown@cde.ca.gov](mailto:kbrown@cde.ca.gov). The CELDT blueprint for reading and writing in kindergarten and grade one, with the English language development (ELD) standards that are addressed, will be posted within the next two months.

Summary results for the annual administration of the CELDT are scheduled to be posted for the state, counties, school districts, and schools in May 2009.

**Next RAN Meeting: March 13, 2009**