

Dear: State Personnel Development Grant Contracted Consultants & Subcontractors:

At this time, the new State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) funding is reduced by approximately half due to the recent federal appropriations actions of the United States Congress. Significant changes to SPDG project activities need to be made now to mitigate the impact.

Small changes will be made in activities beginning July 1, 2008 with significant changes in the last four years of the grant. The changes in year one include:

- Maintaining the existing leadership community that includes 5 regional institute host sites, an institute, and existing leadership sites. However, no new leadership sites will be awarded since the Project cannot sustain these past year one.
- Maintaining the existing Effective Reading Instruction Academies (ERIA) continuous learning community and scaling up within existing sites rather than selecting new sites, since they cannot be maintained past year one.
- Reducing the amount of dollars going to the California State University at Los Angeles to increase the number of special education Intern candidates from under-represented groups and low incidence distance education activities. The savings would be reallocated to the SPDG technical assistance pool of days, which was very low as a result of the first reduction in funding to California. California submitted the original SPDG proposal at 2.5 million and was funded for only 2.2 million dollars.

In years two through five, The California Department of Education will reduce funding across all components if funding is not restored by the U.S. Congress. The newly released 2009 federal budget from President Bush has restored full SPDG funding. However, this is only the first step in the long federal appropriations process. I will keep you informed of any federal funding changes impacting the SPDG.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact me at 916-327-4217 or by e-mail at [jcanning@cde.ca.gov](mailto:jcanning@cde.ca.gov).

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