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TO: Jan Gustafson-Corea, CEO and CAFE Board Members

FROM: Claudia Lockwood, Multilingual Excellence Consultant

RE: Work plan update

Listed below are the benchmarks for the Multilingual Excellence work for the period of July through November 2015. Thank you once again for the opportunity to be part of this important and personally rewarding work.

- A process for updating the interactive map of dual language programs has been instituted by working with the Bilingual Coordinators Network and CAFE chapters. As of today, four new programs have been identified. A request to collaborators will be issued following the Thanksgiving holiday so that all current programs can be updated prior to CAFE 2016.
- The next steps for the dual language list will include the addition of quality indicators that will be added to the interactive map.
- I have represented CAFE at meetings to develop a University Seal of Biliteracy. This collaborative work with Californians Together is in its final stages. I have proposed to work with the University of the Pacific to encourage the development of a pilot program.
- I am participating with the English Learner Legacy and Leadership Institute as a member of the steering committee and particularly of the curriculum committee. The launch of this institute with a convening of the mentors will occur on November 23 at Californians Together headquarters in Long Beach.
- I have engaged in initial conversations with Kris Nichols and Laurie Nesralla to optimize the Multilingual Excellence work that overlaps with the Professional Development and ongoing CAFE work. We plan a meeting at CAFE in mid-December.
- In collaboration with Californians Together and Loyola Marymount University, I participated with other CAFE representatives at the reading and rating of selected LCAPS using the research-aligned EL rubric.
- I am preparing to assist with the work around passage of the Lara initiative in collaboration with Californians Together.
- A highlight of this period of time was participation with the CAFE staff at the retreat in San Francisco. The opportunity to become a recognized member of the CAFE familia was wonderful.