

DELAC Chairperson's Report

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1. Words of Gratitude

Dear members of the DELAC Committee,

I would like to begin by wholeheartedly thanking each and every one of you for your commitment, your time, and your constant participation in our meetings. Thanks to your dedication, we are building a truly meaningful year. We have managed to stay united, informed, and active in advocating for a better education for all our children.

We are doing a great job!

2. March 20, 2025, Meeting

Presentation of Federal Programs

a. Title I: Purpose and Services

- This program aims to close academic achievement gaps and ensure that all students have access to a fair and high-quality education.
- Funds support effective educational strategies, intervention programs, summer programs, and resources for English Learners (ELs).
- The 2024–2025 Title I budget exceeds \$523 million, distributed among schools (61%), centralized programs (29%), and other expenses (10%).

b. Title II: Supporting Effective Teaching

- This program focuses on strengthening the quality and preparation of teachers, principals, and school leaders.
- It provides professional development, support to priority schools, recruitment of bilingual teachers, and specific programs to improve student academic achievement.

3. Teacher Authorization for English Learners

a. EL Authorization (English Language Development)

- Teachers must hold a full credential and an additional authorization to teach English Learner (EL) students.
- This authorization can be obtained through CTEL exams, approved university coursework, or a combination of both.

b. Oversight and Parent Rights

- In Title I schools, if a teacher does not hold the required authorization, parents must be notified after 20 days.
- Parents may contact the school principal, the regional director, or the District Credentialing Unit.

c. Instructional Assistants

- Support EL students in small groups.
- Must be enrolled in a university, complete 12 academic units per year, and may take a bilingual exam.

4. Temporary Bylaws Committee

A Temporary Bylaws Committee was held, with meetings on Monday, March 24, and Wednesday, April 2, 2025. I sincerely thank everyone who participated. Your collaboration was key in proposing changes, always with unanimous agreement and a spirit of mutual support.

Thank you for your commitment to the effective functioning of our committee!

5. Agenda Planning and Attendance Review

On Tuesday, March 25, the agenda planning meeting took place, during which member attendance was also reviewed. In accordance with the rules outlined in the official calendar provided on election day, members with three accumulated absences were removed. These members had previously received a letter after two absences.

Only officially scheduled meetings were considered, not additional meetings.

I deeply appreciate each of you for your dedication and participation. Let us continue working united, informed, and engaged. Your voice is powerful, and together we can continue to achieve great things for our schools and our children.

Sincerely,

Fernando Paniagua

President, DELAC Committee