

DELAC Chairperson Report 2019-2020
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Good Morning Parents!

When someone says something about not being able to do something, they are talking about their own limitations, NOT ABOUT YOURS.

On November 19, 2019 I attended a working group meeting for the policy and curriculum for PLTEL/LTEL students. We shared ideas and strategies about how to help these students among administrators, teachers, coordinators and students who all contributed their perspective. The input from the parent group in attendance was the following three issues>

- The schools where LTELs are identified need to be required to use the TSP budget to give intervention in the first semester, and must implement two assessments: an initial assessment where a specific need is identified for the student and one at the end of the intervention to measure their progress and must be different in 6-8th grade and 9-12th grade.
- Do an SSPT assessment for the student when they are at risk of not reclassifying in the first 5 years.
- Mandatory trainings for parents with ELD students (English learners) and LTES (long term English learners)

Something that interested me was the student's input: Newcomer students or those that just came to this county, in the secondary level and high schools, they are given a dual language program since language should not be a barrier to continue their learning.

Other important information that I want to share how principals at the end of the school year return Title I parent engagement funds with the justification that you do not need it. The federal government understands that parents are very important in the education of their children and in empowering the underrepresented social groups and it is for this reason that these funds can only be used for parents. The following information is for 2018.

- CENTRAL \$126,048.00
- EAST \$129,364.00
- SOUTH \$120,331.00
- WEST \$86,248.00
- NW \$81,248.00
- NE \$52,099.00

Also, LAUSD has more than 14,422 volunteers.

Thank you for your attention and I hope that the information is useful.

I will leave you with this last quote:

"The greatest enemy of knowledge is not ignorance; it is the illusion of knowledge."

Stephen Hawking

Sincerely, **Diana Guillen**
Chairperson