



WEST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA (SELPA)

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West San Gabriel Valley SELPA Receives CDE/CCEE Grant to become Systems Improvement Lead Within the California Statewide System of Support

The West San Gabriel Valley SELPA a consortium of 14 districts located in the San Gabriel Valley has been awarded one of three, five-year grants from the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE) to become a Systems Improvement Lead within the California Statewide System of Support. This system of support is designed to build local capacity and assist LEAs in identifying and eliminating inequities through a continuous improvement process. With these funds, the System Improvement Leads will work collaboratively with the statewide system of support and other SELPAs to build the capacity of SELPAs statewide and provide more targeted support related to the education of students with disabilities.

The primary activities of the SELPA leads include providing training and support related to the use of data best practices, as well as evidence-based practices in root cause analysis, systems alignment, and coherence. These practices will serve as the foundation for SELPAs and the LEAs served to ultimately improve educational outcomes for students with disabilities (SWD).

"We are delighted to be a part of this critical work to ensure educators have resources and tools to improve outcomes for students," said Dr. Ed Manansala, El Dorado County Superintendent of Schools. "This initiative will support the bold vision of our state leadership to create a coherent statewide system of support."

The goals and objectives of this initiative will be achieved in partnership with the Riverside County and El Dorado County SELPAs. The leadership team responsible for meeting the goals of the grant consist of Jacque Williams, Assistant Superintendent, West San Gabriel Valley SELPA, Leah Davis, Executive Director, Riverside County SELPA, and Tamara Clay, Director, El Dorado County SELPA. The team also will collaborate with national and state experts to ensure that SELPAs have the technical assistance, training, and support needed to improve outcomes for students with disabilities across the state.

"The plans developed by these leaders demonstrate an understanding of the importance of data governance, continuous improvement, and cross-agency collaboration to fulfill California's vision of one system that will serve all students." David Toston, Associate Superintendent, El Dorado SELPAs.

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