Governor's Advisory Council on English Learners (GACEL)

GACEL Committee Form - May 14, 2019

Committee Name: Goal 1: Engage every English Learner in high quality instruction and assessment designed to meet individual needs

Committee Members Present: Bridget Amory, Steve Amendum, Emily Edmonds-Eveland, Krissy Jennette, Lyndsey Gerstle, Ana Viscarra Gikas, Kelly Hageman, Margie Lopez-Waite

Unable to Attend: Jose Avilies, Carol Beck, Maria Paxon, Terri Sharpe

Focus Objective(s): Sub-committee members will:	Focus Strategy(s): Sub-committee members will meet to engage in :
- Discuss strategies related to Objective 1.2 - Draft recommendations for additional discussion and eventual consideration by the full GACEL	- Discussion around selected action steps related to Objective 1.2 - Interfacing with other subcommittees as needed (Goal 4 subcommittee on data storage and reporting, see below)

Action Steps to Achieve the Objective/Strategy(s):

Potential DRAFT recommendations from the subcommittee discussions related to the objectives for possible consideration and the next full GACEL meeting:

- Examine ways to measure success of opportunity funds use in DE (both previous grants and future funding
- Share best practices from schools that demonstrate growth in English language proficiency (ACCESS scores) in accessible forums
- Revise state data system storage and reporting to allow disaggregation by student characteristics (e.g., EL status)
- Create user-friendly state resource for newcomers that includes options for LEAs from evidence-based practices (DE Title III Guidebook, OELA Newcomer kit)
- Redirect the state EL Lead Team to align professional growth activities specific to the EL Strategic Plan goals and objectives
- Connect with DE offices related to early childhood to support a marketing campaign in support of early literacy in any language, including supports for ELs in early childhood programming.

Time Frame to Achieve the Objective/Strategy(s):

- To be worked on during May-June, 2019

GACEL Voting Items: None	GACEL Voting Outcome: N/A

Accomplishments to Date:
- Subcommittee members identified, invited, and established.
- First two meetings scheduled, agendas posted, and space acquired
- Second meeting held, January 8, 2019 from 4:00-5:30
- Decisions made about Spring, 2019 priorities
- May, 2019 meeting held; six recommendations related to Objective 1.2 were created

Other Notes: Future issues for the subcommittee to consider:
- Local(ish) dual language conference at ASPIRA?
- Work with DELLTA to create TESOL or NABE state chapter?