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TO: Phase III Educator Effectiveness Participants

FROM: Carolyn Dumaresq
Deputy Secretary
Office of Elementary & Secondary Education

RE: USE OF ALTERNATIVE Teacher Rating Systems for 2012 - 2013

The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) is has developed a process for conditional approval of EXISTING alternative teacher evaluation systems so that they may be used in the third phase of the development of a new teacher rating system. This process is particularly important for School Improvement Grant (SIG) and Race To The Top (RTTT) districts and schools because of their commitments in these federal programs. Information regarding the new Principal evaluation system being developed will be communicated in the coming months.

Local Education Agencies (LEAs) that are using the Danielson Framework for Teaching (with a minimum of 4 domains and 22 components) do not need to submit their system for use in 2012-13. Rules for submission of alternative systems in 2013-14 will be announced next spring.

Those using systems other than the Danielson framework must submit their alternative system using the "PDE rubric for review and conditional approval". The rubric is located on the PDE website at http://www.education.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/educator_effectiveness_project/20903 and may be downloaded for submission. LEAS must submit their current teacher alternative rating systems with supporting documentation by July 30, 2012. Approval will be given no later than August 31, 2012 for complete submissions.

THE REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDITIONAL AND TEMPORARY APPROVAL ARE NOT DETAILED AND ARE NOT THE CRITERIA THAT WILL BE USED TO DETERMINE FINAL APPROVE OF ALTERNATIVE PROGRAMS ONCE THE STATE HAS A NEW EVALUATION SYSTEM.

All requests for conditional approval with accompanying materials

should be sent to Deb Wynn at dewynn@pa.gov.

We look forward to working with you during the 2012-2013 school year.