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To: Transitional Bilingual Instruction Program (TBIP) and Title III Directors
From: Helen Malagon, Interim Director, Migrant and Bilingual Education
Re: Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAO) Results for School Year 2008-2009

Title I and Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), include English Language Learners (ELL) in the state accountability system and require states to set performance targets referred to as Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs) for English language proficiency and "exit" from program rates of ELL students. Under section 3122(a) (3), Achievement Objectives and Accountability, the AMAO's for English language proficiency must include:

- AMAO-1: Annual increases in the number or percentage of children making progress in learning English.
- AMAO-2: Annual increases in the number or percentage of children attaining English proficiency.
- AMAO-3: The number or percentage of students meeting AYP targets in the reading and math ELL cells.

Section (3122(b) (2) of Title III also requires states to apply accountability measures when districts do not meet the AMAO targets.

AMAO results have been posted on the Bilingual Database at MSDR under the Reports Tab. Two reports will be available: a district level summary report that includes school level results and a downloadable excel file that includes details of the AMAO calculations by school level. The last column of the District Level Report shows whether your district met all three AMAO determinations.

As described in section 3122 of Title III, each district must inform parents of English Language Learners (ELLs) participating in the STBIP and/or Title III if the district did not meet one or more of the AMAO targets for school year 2008-09. Notices are to be communicated in an understandable and uniform format and, to the extent practicable, in a language that the parent can understand. The AMAO notification need not be a separate letter or memo, it is acceptable for the information to be shared in a newsletter, web posting, or other customary means of communication with ELL parents.

Districts that have not met AMAO determinations for two or four consecutive years will be notified in a separate communication. For these districts, a K-20 Video Conference has been scheduled for January 21, 2010 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. to assist districts with federal requirements.

If you have questions regarding your AMAO results, please contact our office. Contact information:

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