



**Arizona Department of Education**  
Office of English Language Acquisition Services

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Dear Superintendents, Directors, and Coordinators:

Greetings from the Office of English Language Acquisition Services (OELAS). As you have welcomed students to school, we hope that all has gone smoothly. We can only imagine how excited teachers and students have been to reconnect and get started with the new school year. Please remember we are here to help in any way that we can. Below you will find some updates and offerings from our office.

**Superintendent Overview**

Understanding how busy district and school leadership have been and will continue to be as a result of current circumstances, we wanted to find a way to ensure they were up to date on some of what is important regarding English learners and SEI Programs. The following link is a brief presentation providing some key information to consider as LEAs are implementing programs for ELs. [SEI Overview: A Superintendent's Guide \(August 2020\)](#)

**English Language Proficiency Standards**

OELAS is also excited to share some of the resources that we have developed to support teachers, administrators, instructional coaches and support staff who work with English learners. Attached you will find a pdf with links of all the current offerings focused on the ELP standards. They are intended to provide an overview of the standards, the relationship between Integrated and Targeted ELD and the Four Principles in Arizona's Language Development Approach. Please share with those educators working with your ELs.

**OELAS Conference**

I'm sure it will come as no surprise that we have decided to cancel the 2020 OELAS Conference. We are disappointed but understand that during these remarkable times we must be flexible and responsible. OELAS is considering the possibility of a virtual conference. When and if we decide to move forward, you will be the first to know.

Thank you for all you do!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Melissa Castillo".

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