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Assistant Deputy Secretary and Director

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**Announcements**



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Dear Stakeholders,

The mission of the Office of English Language Acquisition (OELA) is important to me as a daughter and granddaughter of immigrants, a first-generation college graduate, and a linguist. During this pandemic, OELA is focused on understanding English learners' (ELs) access to distance learning, especially in underserved communities and tribal communities. We are also finalizing our Family Toolkit, starting the process for a Career Preparedness Toolkit, providing guidance to our grantees, and strengthening partnerships with teachers, families, and partner organizations. I look forward to meeting and collaborating with our stakeholders to ensure English learners attain English proficiency, achieve academic success, and preserve heritage cultures and languages. Thank you for the work you do to promote English proficiency, biliteracy, and multiliteracy.

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