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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Superintendents, Charter School Administrators, District Test Coordinators

**FROM:** Arsenio Romero, Ph.D., Secretary of Education <sup>DS</sup> 

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**RE:** Implementation of the Early Development Instrument - Expectations and Support

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Since the release of the February 15, 2024 [memorandum](#) regarding *Implementation of a New Kindergarten Readiness Assessment*, the Public Education Department (PED), the Early Childhood Education and Care Department (ECECD), and the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Center for Healthier Children, Families, and Communities have worked diligently to prepare for statewide implementation of the Early Development Instrument (EDI), including convening an EDI subcommittee of the Assessment & Accountability Advisory Committee (AAAC) and partnered with UCLA to host implementation webinars to support school leaders and their designated EDI Coordinators to ensure successful implementation.

**Key Information and Timelines for District and Charter Leaders**

- All EDI training materials, recordings, and implementation resources are accessible on the PED [website](#).
- School District and Charter leaders must designate an EDI implementation coordinator by Monday, March 25 using this [form](#). If your School District or Charter does not assign an EDI coordinator by Monday, the PED will assign the District Test Coordinator to this role.
- The following [information](#) must be completed by 5 PM on Tuesday, April 9 if your District or Charter School needs substitute reimbursement for kindergarten teachers to complete the EDI.

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- To avoid any firewall issues when teachers attempt to login to the EDI portal, please ask your district IT to whitelist the EDI data collection portal which is: [https://dif.healthychild.ucla.edu/sites/site\\_106/](https://dif.healthychild.ucla.edu/sites/site_106/) and to also whitelist the UCLA email addresses ending in “@mednet.ucla.edu.”

As a reminder, the EDI will meet the kindergarten entry assessment required by the NMAC 6.30.5.12. Data collection will happen in April/May 2024 through an online portal administered and managed by UCLA. The EDI is expected to be completed during the school day. It will take approximately 6.5 hours for a teacher to complete the training and complete an EDI for 20 students.

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