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## Draft English Learner (EL) Strategic Plan for Delaware

**Public feedback on the EL Strategic Plan is encouraged and due no later than December 20, 2016.**

Delaware is committed to empowering every English Learner (EL) to be successful in college, career and life, and to ensure every English Learner engages in the highest-quality education to prepare them with the linguistic, cultural and academic skills necessary for the 21st century.

To move Delaware forward in improving outcomes for this growing population, a Guiding Coalition of stakeholders - including parents, community representatives, district subject matter experts, and the Department of Education - has developed recommendations for the future of EL instruction known as the "English Learner Strategic Plan." The EL Strategic Plan is designed to:

- Engage every English Learner in high-quality instruction and assessment designed to meet individual needs
- Foster highly-effective educators of English Learners
- Mobilize the community and engage the public to support English Learners
- Continue to refine EL education through intentional analysis of data

### Draft EL Strategic Plan and Survey

Help us make this plan stronger. Your feedback is valuable. Please take the time to review the English Learner Strategic Plan Draft below.

- Strategic Plan - In English  
Survey
- Strategic Plan - En Español  
Survey/Encuesta
- Strategic Plan - En Kreyòl ayisyen  
Survey/Sondaj
- Strategic Plan - In Mandarin/中文  
Survey/调查

## Community Feedback Meetings

Delaware parents of English learners and the community at large are invited to attend the following county-wide community feedback meetings related to the draft English Learner Strategic Plan. The public meetings will present an overview of the plan and participants will provide recommendations to the draft plan.

- **New Castle County:** Thursday, Nov. 17 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Oberle Elementary School Cafeteria 500 Caledonia Way, Bear, DE 19701
- **Kent County:** Monday, Dec. 5 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Capital School District Board Room, 198 Commerce Way, Dover, DE 19904
- **Sussex County:** Thursday, Dec. 8 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. North Georgetown Elementary School Cafeteria, 664 North Bedford Street, Georgetown, DE 19947

### Agenda for Community Feedback Meetings:

6:00 – 6:15	Registration
6:15 – 6:30 (DDOE)	Welcome & English Learner Strategic Plan Process Overview
6:30 – 7:00	English Learner Strategic Plan Walkthrough (Guiding Coalition)
7:00 – 7:05	Roundtable Discussion Guiding Questions
7:05 – 7:30	Roundtable Discussion Sessions
7:30 – 7:50	Discussion Session Share-out

7:50 – 8:00 Closure & Next Steps

## Guiding Coalition

In response to Delaware's growing English learner student population, a Steering Committee was formed in November 2015 to develop a comprehensive English Learner Strategic Plan. Their mission is to create a plan that empowers every English learner to be successful in college, career, and life. To accomplish this goal, the Steering Committee nominated a Guiding Coalition of parents, community representatives, district subject matter experts, and Delaware Department of Education employees. The Guiding Coalition met monthly from January through June of 2016 to identify overarching goals, draft objectives, and list strategies needed to accomplish the plan. In September 2016, the Guiding Coalition began the process of obtaining public input on the plan through online surveys and face-to-face feedback meetings.

- **Committee Members:**

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## Supporting Materials

- [Strategic Plan Overview](#)

Includes EL Strategic Plan goals and objectives, an associated timeline, and Delaware EL demographics.

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