



*Any time you are asked if you can do a job, say yes,
and immediately start to learn how it's done.*

Working together, we improve change.

DELAC Chairperson's Report 2023-2024
Karla G. Franco

Friday, March 8, 2024

Dear members, guests, and members of the public, I am pleased to greet you as your Chairperson, and through this report, I will provide you with an update on what has been done in the DELAC Committee. Through the following update, I want to apprise you of what has been done during these last few meetings. I have been making sure that your time is valued and that we are respected as contributing parents for the benefit of our English learner students. In allowing presentations to conclude during the meetings, we are able to provide our contributions and feedback for the support and improvement of our English learners. I have made sure, by working together with the Department of Multilingual Multicultural Education (MMED), that each one of you is able to provide your contributions and feedback to support our English learners. MMED, as a support department, has provided us with presentations. Because of this, we have been able to collaborate as a team in order to provide more support to our school sites so that our feedback will have a greater impact on our English learner students. As delegates at our school sites, we are obtaining information related to awareness and leadership empowerment.

I thank each of you for raising your voices with your contributions and feedback for our English learners, and as the worthy representatives that you are, you are here for all those parents who cannot be here with us, sharing in this opportunity. I am very proud of each of you because I know that you are doing your best to obtain information in order to contribute and make changes for the betterment of our English learners, but above all, because we have not lost the focus for which we were elected. I know that by maintaining our focus in this manner, we will always make our best contributions. I am also following up on the contributions made by the previous membership and as a result, informing you that MMED, the department in charge of supporting our English learners, does seriously take into account the contributions and feedback that the committee provides them. Your time is very valuable to me, which is why I always emphasize that our time, contributions, and feedback must be

respected. I know that other departments will also be presenting, such as the Strategic Initiatives Office (SIO). I will also be asking the Department of Instruction to come and provide us with an update on how i-Ready was implemented. This department implemented i-Ready without consulting the DELAC Committee and did not provide any type of support or training to parents. They were in charge of implementing the i-Ready 4 years ago. I was informed of this through an investigation that was carried out and also informed that it was approved by a certain group of parents. The membership, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Guillen, was not consulted. It was carried out in extreme privacy, although this is a public committee. It went above the Committee in general, and because of this, I am going to be asking the department responsible to provide us with an update on which parents were invited to that private meeting and why they went above the DELAC membership, given that the reason we are here is to represent and be the voice of our English learners. Apart from that, there was never any follow-up and, above all, training for parents to obtain more information about how it was going to be implemented and thus how our English learners were to be supported. This experiment has been a complete failure at the district level, affecting 100% of our English learners. In my opinion and as the committee in charge of supporting our English learners, I ask that i-Ready be removed until it is analyzed again by the DELAC Committee given that this exam has now been made a part of the requirements in the process our English learners follow. We must remember that we are here to support and improve strategies for our English learners, not to jeopardize them.

*My purpose as Chairperson is for each of you to know what the procedures to follow are and what departments are in charge of providing assistance to our schools, in order to ensure achievement, not only in the reclassification process but also academically. It is our responsibility as parents to remember that we are essential in the decisions that are made and that we greatly impact the support our English learners receive. It is of utmost importance to me that each of you leave here with a significant amount of enrichment and informational awareness, * **BECAUSE AN INFORMED PARENT IS A VALUED PARENT*** and ***AN UNINFORMED PARENT IS AN IGNORED PARENT*** Parents, I feel very proud of each of you for the significant support received from your leadership and for raising your voices for our English learner students. Let us continue working together to always achieve our goals without losing sight of the central point of why we are here.*

CONGRATULATIONS, PARENT LEADERS FOR RAISING YOUR VOICE AND SHARING YOUR IDEAS TO SUPPORT OUR ENGLISH LEARNERS THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!!!!!

RESPECTFULLY: Karla G. Franco your Chairperson

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