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**Teacher/Faculty/Staff Inclusion in AB86 Regional Consortia**

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 To: Consortium Leadership, Members, and Partners  
 From: The AB 86 Cabinet  
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The success of the Adult Education Consortium Program (AECP) thus far has been highlighted in the first report to the legislature published last April. You can find the report on <http://ab86.cccco.edu/>. The key to the AECP success has been our philosophy of inclusion, transparency, and cooperation between representatives of the K - 12 and Community College systems and their partners.

Much of the work for the AECP has now shifted to the local level. We encourage you to continue the spirit of inclusion, transparency, and cooperation to develop recommendations to create the best possible adult education program in your area. To that end, we suggest you consider the following questions to ensure inclusion of teachers, faculty, and staff as you develop your recommendations.

1. Have faculty, staff, and local bargaining units been engaged and involved in developing, reviewing, and supporting the consortium's regional planning?
2. Are faculty and staff provided information about the consortium deliberations and provided an opportunity to give input?
3. Is feedback provided to faculty and staff regarding the input they make?
4. Have you given ample notice to faculty, staff, and bargaining units about the timing and frequency of meetings related to the planning process to encourage their participation?

Fostering cooperative relationships and using transparent and inclusive processes is the best formula for success in the AECP. The development of an effective and efficient AECP depends on quality input from all involved, especially the people in the classrooms and programs who deliver adult education services.

The AECP is moving forward, with active enthusiasm, to reformulate the provision of adult education in California. This historic and monumental task will have a lasting statewide impact on how we deliver services to adult students so they are prepared to enter the workforce or progress toward academic goals in higher education. Success is our only option!

Sincerely,

The AB 86 Cabinet

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