

# The Community Engagement Initiative (CEI)

## REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

**Applications due: Tuesday, May 17, 2022 by 9:00am**

The California Collaborative for Educational Excellence (CCEE), the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools (SBCSS), the California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE), and Families In Schools (FIS) invite any interested school district in California to submit a letter of interest via the [application](#) process to be a part of the Community Engagement Initiative's Cohort III Peer Leading and Learning Network (PLLN).

The CEI is a five-year (currently in year three) effort intended to strengthen the California State System of Support by building the capacity of school districts and communities to authentically engage each other in:

- Identifying effective models of community engagement
- Developing metrics to evaluate those models
- Having difficult conversations
- Building trusting relationships
- Participating in the LCAP development process

### **Benefits of participating in the CEI PLLN:**

- Be a part of systemic change for Community Engagement in the California State System of Support.
- Learn of effective practices for Community Engagement from districts across the state.
- Engage in an open dialogue on issues related to improving local pupil outcomes,
- Partner with other communities and school districts in support of improving your Community Engagement practices, policies, systems, structures, and procedures.
- Receive an annual district stipend to be used in support of District Team members' participation in the Community Engagement Initiative (in addition to any travel cost incurred and reimbursed).

And in partnership, each district team will commit to contribute to the statewide effort to build capacity for authentic community engagement through the CEI, with a focus on improving outcomes for all students, particularly English Learners, low-income students, Foster Youth, and students from other underserved student groups. Consideration may be made for rural/remote districts, see application for more details.

Any interested district will need to submit a letter of interest via the [application](#) process by email to Steven Sterling Mitchell, CCEE Assistant Director, Community Engagement and System of Support ([smitchell@ccee-ca.org](mailto:smitchell@ccee-ca.org)) by **Tuesday, May 17, 2022 by 9:00am**.

For all current and up-to-date details please visit <https://ccee-ca.org/CommunityEngagement>.

