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Dear Friends and Partners,

If you have been involved in one of the many Partnership initiatives, you have been hearing from me and the Partnership staff quite frequently. If you have not been involved in our recent work in: • Rtl • Early Dispute Resolution • School Based Mental Health • Transition, or • NCLB/IDEA Collaboration.....it may have been a while since we have been in touch.

This communication is intended to do a few things:

To let you know that we have been and will continue to use the website to communicate our work and we are in the process of overhauling the design and the email function to make it easier for us to cue you when something new is going on that you might want to know about.

To share the new OSEP website on IDEA 2004 and let you see how our Dialogue Guides are featured prominently as a tool on the site. You can access the new site, Building the Legacy: IDEA 2004, at <http://idea.ed.gov/>. Diane has prepared a summary that is a great reference. It is included as an attachment to this message.

To acquaint you with a new resource from the Federal Resource Center, the Regional Resource Center Network and Project FORUM at NASDSE. For the last few years these federal investments have been collaborating to compile links to state policy around IDEA. This is a great compliment to the links to federal statute and regulation, as states can craft additional regulations that further expand and define the federal rules. Both the federal and state regulations are available for download at this site. Through long and hard work, the National State Policy Database (NSPD) is ready to use! You can see the new database at <http://www.rfcnetwork.org/nspd>.

To let you know that we will be working with OSEP to update the *Dialogue Guides on Statutory Changes in IDEA 2004* and to create new *Dialogue Guides on the Regulatory Changes*. It has been a long while since we wrote the original guides and our understanding of IDEA 2004 has surely deepened. We want to assure that the *Dialogue Guides* still hold up given our current understanding. Likewise we want to develop new guides to help the field communicate around the provisions and the possibilities.

In a separate message, I will be contacting our organization liaison to ask them to engage in the *Dialogue Guide* review and creation. I will ask them to send the names of leaders that they want to be involved in representing the perspective of their organization. If you are interested in working on this project, please contact your organizational liaison to let them know of your interest. The work will begin very shortly. We will hold a webseminar to orient everyone to the process on November 29th. *Dialogue Guide* writing will begin soon after that.

With all that Partners were doing in August for our many initiatives, we could not ask people to come in for another meeting. As a result, we did not hold a full Partnership Meeting. We will resume our scheduled meetings in late February. We will announce the date as soon as we have confirmed a hotel.

As always, thanks so much for your ongoing support and participation. It is great to be in this work with you!

Joanne



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The purpose of this email is to provide information about the work of the IDEA Partnership and the 55 partner organizations and to provide a way to connect their work with the stakeholders in the national and state Communities of Practice (CoP). Email is an informal communication vehicle to promote dialogue and understanding across the many roles that are critically important to successful outcomes for youth. The IDEA Partnership is an investment of the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and hosted at the National Association of State Directors of Special Education (NASDSE). No endorsement by OSEP or NASDSE should be inferred for the content of this message.

