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TO: Ed.D. Program Directors
FROM: Beverly Young, Assistant Vice Chancellor
SUBJECT: CSU Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED)

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As you are aware, the California State University has been invited to join the Carnegie Project on the Education Doctorate (CPED), a prestigious endeavor intended to transform the advanced professional degree for educational leaders. Several universities from around the country with highly respected Ed.D. programs are already participating in this work, and we are excited to join the conversation and initiative.

We would like to invite your Ed.D. program, on behalf of your campus, to join us in this work as a member of the "CSU CPED"--an initiative to replicate the national CPED work within the campuses of the CSU. As a system, we will be sending two representatives from one of our campus programs (a director and a graduate student) to attend the national meetings that occur twice per year, along with a representative from our system office. Following each of those meetings, we will convene the CSU CPED participants for a meeting that will follow the general format and address the same ideas as does each national meeting, in order to allow each CSU program to also fully engage in the national CPED project.

It is our hope that each of the doctoral campuses in the CSU will elect to participate in this initiative. It will provide the opportunity for CSU programs to explore central issues in program design and delivery, and to be involved in some leading national discussion regarding the future of this doctoral program. To participate, your campus would need to:

- Select one program representative and one graduate student to represent your program at each CSU CPED meeting. To conform with the project design, it will need to be the same representatives for each meeting, for the entire initiative, with commitment to full attendance.
- Be willing to share information regarding your program to the other members of the group--curriculum, structure, governance, budget, etc. Participants should also be open to change and program reconsideration throughout the work. It is through discussion and understanding of the various models that new ideas are expected to emerge.
- Complete all assignments in advance of the meetings, and send them for distribution in advance of the meeting for your colleagues.

The Chancellor's Office will cover the meeting costs and materials. Each campus will be expected to cover the travel costs of both of their representatives.

I have enclosed some information regarding the CPED initiative and the current national members. There are many additional universities around the nation who have asked to join, as this is already being seen as a significant opportunity for shaping excellent Ed.D. programs and as a prestigious marker of a quality program. Please discuss this invitation with your Ed.D. program faculty, partners, administrators, and students. We anticipate convening our first CSU CPED meeting in late January, so please respond to me before then regarding your intent to participate.

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