**Suggestions for Increasing Parent Survey Response**

Parent input is an important and valued part of the Compliance and Improvement Monitoring (CIM) process. The California Department of Education (CDE) appreciates your efforts to reach as many parents of students with disabilities (SWD) as possible. A 20% return response rate is the goal.

All LEAs in Intensive Levels 1, 2, and 3, and applicable Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in Targeted Levels 1, 2, and 3 will distribute information to enable all parents of SWD receiving special education services with your LEA the opportunity to participate in the Parent Survey. Both online and PDF versions of the survey can be found at the Seeds of Partnership web page: [https://www.seedsofpartnership.org/monitoringsurvey/](https://urldefense.com/v3/__https:/nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https*3A*2F*2Fwww.seedsofpartnership.org*2Fmonitoringsurvey*2F&data=05*7C01*7Crryan*40scoe.net*7C722d163dc49c47207e6b08da38365bc7*7C25763ba5b7dd459881d511fd6169dd50*7C1*7C0*7C637884103373064547*7CUnknown*7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0*3D*7C3000*7C*7C*7C&sdata=Gk2jtNs8M6NQEgPAZnHo*2BITrbYOGOtNs5Xir*2Bspbbks*3D&reserved=0__;JSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSUlJSU!!KlnUNGHvdQ!77bnyDTC6y8d7JcrptU4frSgXHrl5dOd6uo3iRL2FgHFlAyaxvTjHB_D6qYJ4PJQWi8VaY7irTruJg$).

If your LEA is having difficulty reaching the 20% parent survey return rate minimum, the following strategies and ideas are provided as a resource to increase the survey response and return rate:

* Use Email/text parents a reminder about the survey – including a link to the survey in the message
* Use Robo call or auto dialer phone programs to remind parents to complete the survey (electronically or paper copy)
* Promote the survey on your district social media, Twitter, or other form of e-communication
* Post a link to the survey on the district’s home webpage and encourage parents to complete online. Various language versions are available for online and paper surveys
* Print survey and send home with students or hand out at Individualized Education Programs (IEP) or school meetings. Provide parents an envelope to return the survey (ideally to Seeds of Partnership, acceptable to the school – who will then mail to Seeds of Partnership)
* Print survey and mail paper copies to parents. Consider including a return envelope, or an addressed return envelope, or even an addressed/postage paid return envelope. Address envelope directly to ***Seeds of Partnership, P.O. Box 269003, Sacramento, CA 95826-9003***
* Share parent survey information opportunity with parent-related advisory/committee groups (i.e., Community Advisory Committee, Parent Teacher Associations, other)
* Ask your local/regional parent center to promote the opportunity on their social media or other communication

If you have tried several or all the suggested strategies and are still having trouble reaching the minimum 20% return rate by the deadline, please contact your CDE Focused Monitoring Technical Assistance (FMTA) contact to review your LEA’s specific situation.