

To: Agricultural Education Educators

From: Nancy J. Trivette, President

Re: Potential CASE and PLTW Collaboration Update

Date: April 14, 2009

We continue to work towards a potential collaboration with Project Lead The Way (PLTW) to deliver Curriculum in Agriculture Science Education (CASE). I am writing today to give you an update of our activities and communications.

April 1st – Communication from me to State Staff with background information about CASE courses, www.case4learning.org website, professional development for teachers, development of an activities, project, and problem based philosophy curriculum, and other items that make CASE an outstanding opportunity for agricultural education. This memo also discussed the Council Boards' direction to discuss a new and increased collaboration with PLTW. Larry Case sent this message via state staff distribution list

April 6th - Communication from me to the Ag Education profession via list serves

April 10th – Larry Case and Dick Blais, Senior Advisor, PLTW addressed NASDCTEc meeting in Washington, DC to communicate potential collaboration and seek support. Dick Blais requested support in concept and in funding. He indicated that the PLTW Board will approve the increased collaboration if \$600,000 in funding could be committed by June 1, 2009 for expenditure in 2010. Several states have indicated interest for this initiative. In addition, PLTW is seeking corporate and foundation support for CASE.

April 14th - Dick Blais sent an email to all State CTE Directors with a few highlights of the NASDCTEc presentation and requested feedback from State Directors for support of this collaboration and funding effort. Dick's email contained letters of endorsement from Larry Case, as National FFA Advisor and from me as Council President.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or with interest from your state for CASE program support. You can reach me at nancy.trivette@ag.state.nj.us or at 609.984.4956.