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Re: CASE Update

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The Curriculum in Agriculture Science Education (CASE) Governance Committee, CASE project staff and Project Lead the Way (PLTW) management have been studying options over the past two months to determine if PLTW management of the CASE project would be viable. We have received valuable advice and information from our studies.

Several factors, including current economic conditions; a short time frame (two months) to meet the financial goal for the transfer in management; the end of state budget cycles; etc., have contributed to a delayed decision to transfer CASE management from The Council to PLTW. The shift in management is an option for the future and will be reviewed by both parties after on-going study. Therefore, operations will continue with the National Council for Agricultural Education (NCAE) administering CASE and PLTW providing counsel to the CASE project.

The CASE Governance Committee will develop funding strategies for future phases of the project. We will continue to streamline the budget, seek additional funds to support the project, as well as recruit new states for future phases.

Teacher training is planned and will be conducted this summer with fall field testing to begin in 11 states for the two foundation courses in Animal and Plant Science.

The Council is committed to the success and completion of the CASE project; committed to honoring obligations to pilot states and is committed to serving the needs of the industry by producing more graduates to fill the employment demand in the science, business and technology of agriculture.

I will continue to provide CASE updates to you, however, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have specific questions or are interested in becoming a pilot state for future phases of the project.

