

Austin Independent School District

Department of English Language Learners



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National Science Foundation
Directorate of Education and Human Resources
CAREER Program
4201 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22230

RE: CAREER: Mathematics Instruction of English Language Learners (MI-ELL).

Dear Program Director:

This letter is to inform you about our involvement and commitment to the project proposed by Dr. M. Alejandra Sorto from the Department of Mathematics at Texas State University.

Contingent on the school district's approval of her research application, we will work closely with Dr. Sorto to help her recruit about 25 to 30 eight-grade mathematic teachers with at least 30% English language learners within Austin Independent School District. Further, we will facilitate the participation of these teachers in two professional development activities during Summer 2013 and Summer 2015.

During the school year (2012-2013), a selected number of teachers (about 5 to 8) will collaborate with Dr. Sorto in the development of instructional materials and design of the professional development for the summer institutes.

We also commit ourselves to provide all the administrative support for the collection of student data and classroom videotapes once Dr. Sorto receives approval from the AISD Department of External Research and Evaluation.

We are very interested in the professional development activities designed to improve the mathematics teaching and learning of English Language Learners.

Sincerely,

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Mollie Avelino, Director of Secondary ELLS

