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Dear County Superintendents:

We are pleased to offer an opportunity to form a new SEL/Mental Health Community of Practice designed to help more young people and support your efforts this year. The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOPE) and the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) are partnering with the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Mental Health Oversight Accountability Commission (MHSOAC), and UC Berkeley's Greater Good Science Center to create a Statewide Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Community of Practice. We continue to hear about the need for educators to support SEL for themselves, their colleagues, and of course, their students. This support couldn't come at a better time.

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On behalf of the agencies named above, SCOPE is being awarded \$6.5 million from FEMA and DHCS to facilitate a Statewide Social Emotional Learning Community of Practice in 2020/2021. **More than 80% of the funding will be directly passed through to the 58 COEs to support building SEL capacity and supporting your districts this year. Each County Office will receive \$100,000 to implement an SEL Community of Practice with a special focus on building capacity for social emotional competency and crisis response in the districts they serve.** We expect that most of your funding will be used for supporting professional development for school and County staff. Each COE will be supported by UC Berkeley, SCOPE, and OCDE in the development and facilitation of your Community of Practice. For example, UC Berkeley will be creating customized professional learning modules that will become a cornerstone to supporting your collaboration.

Since time is of the essence in putting this together, please send the name of your point person to Assistant Superintendent, Brent Malicote (bmalicote@scoe.net), and we will schedule a time to share more details. We look forward to this partnership with each of you!

Sincerely,

David W. Gordon
Sacramento County Superintendent of Schools

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