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## Press Release on Dr. Nancy Wilson and CELT

Marlborough, MA, May 24, 2010 -- The Center for Educational Leadership and Technology (CELT) today announced the appointment of Dr. Nancy Wilson as project manager for the Teacher Student Data Link (TSDL) project, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. As a member of the CELT executive leadership team, she is also responsible for the growth and development of CELT's curriculum, assessment, and learning management system business units.

Through the TSDL, Dr. Wilson is leading the collection of information from key stakeholders in five states - Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana and Ohio. Recommendations based on the data collected will be crafted for states and school districts to ensure a valid, reliable link between students and the teachers and programs responsible for their learning and educational achievement. Each state and three local school districts will implement a year-long pilot of the recommended processes.

"It is with extreme pleasure that we welcome Dr. Wilson, a highly respected and notable education leader/executive to CELT. Her leadership will be invaluable to the success of the TSDL project and the organization as a whole," said Dr. John Phillipo, CEO of CELT. "She understands K-12 education and is the perfect complement to our experienced staff, sharing a breadth of knowledge that spans all aspects of data-driven decision making and assessment. Her stellar reputation will enable CELT to continue our commitment to improving teaching and learning in our schools."

She previously held the position of Deputy Secretary of Education for the Delaware Department of Education and before that as Associate Secretary of Curriculum and Instruction. Dr. Wilson chaired the Charter School Accountability Committee, served as state representative for "No Child Left Behind" and oversaw numerous programs. Other key areas of her expertise include education policy development, financial management, interagency collaboration, and legislative agendas. Earlier, she was Delaware's Interagency Policy Coordinator working across the Departments of Education, Health & Social Services, and Services for Children, Youth, and Families as well as the Budget and Controller General Offices. During its development and statewide implementation, she served as the director of Delaware's nationally recognized early intervention and special education program for infants and toddlers with disabilities. Dr. Wilson has played a leading role in education, early intervention and public policy at the state and federal levels.