**Marco DALE Dear Administrator Letter** *(to be sent to school/district leadership)*

Dear\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I am writing to request that the school/district purchase # of copies of the *Marco de los estándares del desarrollo auténtico del lenguaje español de WIDA* (Marco DALE). The Marco DALE is a Spanish language development standards framework that informs the design of linguistically and culturally sustaining curriculum, instruction, and assessments for Spanish language development. The Marco DALE is contextualized within the education system of the U.S., which means that it promotes the development of Spanish in our bilingual education settings and can be used in tandem with existing curricula, policies, and priorities for bilingual education.

As an original construction for the Spanish language, the Marco DALE reflects the linguistic elements of that language while it also uplifts the bilingual realities of the students and teachers in the U.S. As a framework, the Marco DALE also has uses for administrators since it presents key elements of bilingual education that can inform policies and initiatives that uphold bilingualism. As for classroom application, the framework is designed to reflect content area standards and present Spanish language development for social and instructional purposes, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies.

The full-length publication of the Marco DALE includes the following sections:

* La introducción: The purpose, development, organization, audiences, and uses of the Marco DALE
* Las ideas principales: Six Big Ideas that serve as the foundation of the Marco DALE
* Los componentes: A detailed look at the four main components of the Marco DALE, which are its Standards Statements, Key Language Uses, Language Expectations, and Proficiency Level Descriptors
* Los materials a nivel de grado: Separate grade-level clusters (K, 1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12), which include:
  + Language Expectations with Language Functions and sample Language Features that reflect three modes of communication (expressive, interactive, and interpretative), which are organized by the Standards Statements and the Key Language Uses
  + Proficiency Level Descriptors for grades K-1 and 2-12
* Los recursos: Focus Bulletins that feature a selection of the Big Ideas (el translenguaje, las multiltieracidades, and la colaboración)
* Los apéndices: Supporting materials that include a glossary, theoretical foundations, bibliography, and details on the development of the Marco DALE, among other information

The cost for the Marco DALE (not including the shipping, handling, and taxes) is $50 per book.

By purchasing the Marco DALE, I will be able to better inform my daily classroom practice for Spanish language development. If you would like more information about this standards framework, you may find it on WIDA’s website: <https://wida.wisc.edu/teach/spanish/marco-dale>. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,