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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for joining us for this launch and initial meeting of the Coalition for Multiple Pathways. As a member of the Coalition, you are part of a surprising alliance of educators, policymakers, industry representatives, and community stakeholders all committed to advancing multiple pathways—comprehensive programs of academic and technical study that prepare students for further postsecondary education *and* career, both objectives and not just one or the other. Together, we will be working to re-engage large numbers of California's young people in high school, raise their achievement, ensure they complete high school, and help them achieve lasting success in future learning and the world of work.

We all share these goals in common. But there is much to be done to more clearly define how multiple pathways can be designed and implemented, how state and local policy can help pave the way for giving many more young people access to effective pathway opportunities, and how together we can help build public awareness and understanding of multiple pathways as a major strategy for educational improvement in California.

*ConnectEd* is committed to supporting the Coalition in undertaking this important and challenging work. We deeply appreciate your joining with other members of the Coalition to take up this challenge. We look forward to working with you!

With warmest regards,

Gary Hoachlander

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