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Dear SELDA Participant:

On behalf of the entire G-CASE family WELCOME! We are so glad that you have chosen to be part of such a noble profession and thank you for the time, dedication, and commitment that you are making on behalf of students with disabilities in our state. I am sorry that I could not join you in person this morning, but I look forward to meeting each of you at a later time and working with you during your first year as a Special Education Director.

You are about to embark on the rollercoaster ride of your life. It is our goal to provide you with the support and guidance that you will need to accomplish the many twists and turns that you face in the year ahead. There will be times when you will feel at the top of your game and times when you will feel so low you will wonder if you can get any lower. Take a deep breath and know that it is all a part of the job and the great news is---YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

Through SELDA, G-CASE, and our G-CASE Advisory Board, you will make wonderful colleagues who understand the shoes that you walk in and have faced the challenges you face. We are also very lucky to have the care and leadership of great people in our Department of Education who are committed to supporting new directors. I hope that you will consider membership in G-CASE and look forward to seeing each of you at our annual Fall Conference in Savannah. The conference theme for this year is "Take It To The Next Level" and we feel that the conference will offer you many ways to support each other in improving outcomes for students in our state. Have a wonderful day today and if I can ever be of assistance to any of you in any way, please don't hesitate to ask!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Traci White

G-CASE President