LDE is working to improve the reliability & accuracy of CLASS observations. Changes for this year include:

- **NOEEN must follow Picard (3rd Party) protocol:** observers will not observe during “specials” or “enrichment classes” or during cafeteria-based meals.

- **The lead teacher must be present.** (Previously, observations could be conducted if the assistant was present).

- Programs will inform NOEEN of the start of the “Instructional Day” and observation start times will be adjusted accordingly.
2017-2018 CLASS Observer Protocol

• Observations will not be conducted if fewer than 50% of children enrolled in a classroom are present.

• The observer will be given the daily schedule at the start of the observation.

• Networks can opt for “just in time” scheduling in an effort to schedule network observations in the same month as Picard observations.