

*This message was sent via email to Secondary and K-12 Methods instructors on February 7, 2017
A similar message was shared with Elementary Methods instructors as well.*

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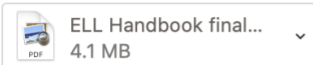
Joan's K-12 Workgroup produced an **ELL** Handbook (attached)



o Alan Olson

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 8:26 AM

To: o Jamie Wirth; o Jodi Shorma; o Anthony Dutton; o John LeTellier; o Amber Ussatis Aberle; +10 more v



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