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OFFICE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE ACQUISITION, LANGUAGE ENHANCEMENT,  
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Dear Educators Serving ELL Students:

OELA's National Summit is now just five weeks away, Nov. 30—Dec. 2, 2005, to be held in Washington DC, and we wish to alert you that the listing of all Summit sessions is now available on the registration website at:

<http://www.salemine.com/risingstars4/> Please note, also, that hotel Pre-Registration ends Friday, October 28, 2005.

This year's Summit theme is "**From Essential Elements to Effective Practice,**" and will feature some world renown speakers along with numerous sessions designed to help schools and educators in your area add to "Effective Practices."

Additionally, having parents participate and receive training at the Summit will be both helpful and vital to developing an effective school system and I encourage you to do all possible to assure that parent leaders participate from your area.

Title I and Title III funds can and should be used as a financial means to bring educators and parents to this event. Contact this office if you have questions regarding the use of such funds for staff and parent training.

Additionally, we would ask your assistance in forwarding and sharing this Summit reminder, via list serve or other communication means, with others serving English language learners that could benefit from Summit participation.

Thank you for your service to our nation's ELL students. I look forward to seeing you next month here in Washington DC.

Sincerely,

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