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Welcome

This broadcast covers information on Office of English Language Acquisition December 2003 Summit and an update on the development of the English Language Proficiency (ELP) standards.

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**US Department of Education letter to
All Educators Working with English Language Learners]**

October 30, 2003

Dear Colleague:

In September you were sent details of our annual Celebrate Our Rising Stars Summit which will take place in Washington D.C., December 2-4, 2003. If you have not yet registered, we encourage your to do so now at:

<http://www.ncela.gwu.edu/summit.htm>

This year's Summit will feature presentations on Standards and Assessment, Professional Development, Research, Best Practices, Grants Management, and special sessions for parents, administrators, teachers and teacher educators on building effective home/school partnerships. We encourage schools to bring parents to participate in Summit sessions and activities, including sessions specifically designed to assist them in their parental involvement role. Further details on this strand, and the others, are available on the website noted above.

The Summit will be held at the Hilton Washington Hotel located at 1919 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20009, (ph) (202) 483-3000, and hotel registration has been extended to November 10, 2003, to enable you to be located directly at the Summit hotel. Hotel registration details are also available at the URL above.

The theme of this year's Summit is "Success in School: Everyone's Responsibility, Every Child's Right". I strongly encourage you to make participation in this year's Summit a priority.

Sincerely,

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English Language Proficiency (ELP) Standards

The Illinois State Board of Educations' Divisions of Assessment, Curriculum, AND English Language Learning are working with ESL/Bilingual teachers, administrators and consultants to draft a set of English Language Proficiency Standards for the instruction of LEP students in Illinois. The new standards in draft form will be introduced at the 27th Annual Statewide Conference For Teachers Serving Linguistically and Culturally diverse Students in December. The conference takes place Dec. 9-12, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency in Oak Brook, Illinois. Sessions will be offered each day of the conference.