

## **Register NOW for the May 20, 2006 Bilingual Parent Summit**

The First Annual Statewide Summit for Bilingual Parents will be held on Saturday, May 20, 2006 at the Oakbrook Marriot Resort, Oak Brook, IL, from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. School districts with bilingual programs are strongly encouraged to register a delegation of bilingual parents who are members of Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) and staff who work with the PACs. While this summit is aimed at members of PACs, other bilingual parents (non-PAC members) are also invited.

ISBE will reimburse school districts for registration costs (\$250 for each person) for up to five persons (four parents and one administrator or one teacher). In addition, if the delegation travels more than 50 miles, the district will be reimbursed for hotel and mileage at a flat rate of \$200 for each of five persons attending.

Attendance by more than five persons is encouraged but the district will not be reimbursed for more than five persons. The reimbursed members of your delegation must include parents of bilingual program students! The reimbursed members of your delegation may only include one district bilingual program person.

The registration deadline is May 5th. You still have time to register to take part in this noteworthy event that focuses, among other topics, on:

- the role and responsibilities of PAC members,
- the educational opportunities and programs provided by districts for bilingual students and their families,
- strategies for effective communication,
- leadership and advocacy for PAC members, and
- how schools districts are organized and how they function.

To obtain a registration form and get additional information, go to [http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/pdfs/summit\\_bilingual\\_parents.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/pdfs/summit_bilingual_parents.pdf).

To register and receive reimbursement for up to five participants, follow the process below:

1. Download, fill out and send the registration form along with Payment to the Illinois Resource Center by FRIDAY, MAY 5th. If you have specific questions about payment by purchase order, check, or credit card, call Paula Mc Daniel at 847-803-3535.
2. The Illinois Resource Center will notify the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) of participants registered in order to process the reimbursement for your school district. If there are changes in registration, you can notify the Illinois Resource Center and you will be fully reimbursed for those individuals. However, please note that reimbursement will be based on the number of participants who attend the summit. Reimbursement will be provided for up to five registrants. If you only register four participants, you will be reimbursed for four. You may use state bilingual and federal Title III funds to pay for additional participants of the Parent Summit. (Contact your assigned principal consultant if you need to amend your budget.)
3. ISBE will reimburse local districts within 6-8 weeks after the Parent Summit.

Registration for this critical event will close on May 5, 2006. Do not wait. Register your parents and bilingual program staff now!