

Dear Program Directors:

Comprehensive Planning

Seal of Biliteracy – ***UPDATED***

The Illinois State Seal of Biliteracy website: <http://www.isbe.net/seal-of-biliteracy/> has been updated to include the following information: training webinar required of any administrators who will be coordinating the program in their districts (and available to anyone who wants to learn more about the program), the application that can be used by school districts to notify ISBE of intent to participate in the program, a list of assessments accepted by ISBE (in English and other languages) with a pre-approved correspondence to ACTFL proficiency standards, as well as other resources.

Community & Family

Tenth Annual Statewide Summit for Bilingual Parents: A conference for members of Bilingual Parent Advisory Councils and parents of English Learners (ELs)

Registration materials are now available for the Tenth Annual Statewide Summit for Bilingual Parents. The event will take place on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at the Hilton/Chicago Oak Brook Hills Resort and Conference Center located at 3500 Midwest Road in Oak Brook, IL.

Featured Speakers:

- **Evelyn Sanguinetti**, Illinois Lieutenant Governor
- **Eligio Pimentel**, Illinois State Board of Education member
- **Reyna Hernández**, Assistant Superintendent, Center for Language and Early Childhood Development
- **David G. Nieto**, Division Administrator, English Language Learning
- **Lorena Mancilla**, WIDA Consortium, Madison, WI

The deadline to register is **Thursday, April 30, 2015**.

The registration brochure and registration form is available: http://www.thecenterweb.org/irc/pages/f_events-summit.html.

The brochure is currently available online in **English and Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, Gujarati, Polish, Tagalog, and Urdu**.

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