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Los Angeles County Educators**

Los Angeles County Office of Education  
sponsored

*Path to Proficiency for English  
Language Learners*

**Facilitators' Training**



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TO: Directors of Curriculum and Instructional Services  
Principals of Elementary Schools  
Selected Los Angeles County School Districts

FROM: Magdalena Ruz Gonzalez, Project Director III  
Curriculum and Instructional Services

SUBJECT: **THINKING MAPS: PATH TO PROFICIENCY FOR  
ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS - FACILITATORS' TRAINING**

The Los Angeles County Office of Education is pleased to offer another professional development opportunity to meet the needs of your English Learners. **Thinking Maps: Path to Proficiency for English Language Learners** is a three day training for educators who have been trained in THINKING MAPS, who desire to lead their schools in acquiring information on how to extend MAPS to meet English learners' needs and who are knowledgeable in the pedagogy of English acquisition. The program is based on research based strategies, incorporates higher thinking skills, connects language acquisition to real world to build vocabulary, develops thought processes to bridge to writing structures, and so much more!

As facilitators, you will be able to guide your school community in the study and implementation of Thinking Maps: Path to Proficiency for English Language Learners. You will be able to lead your learning community in understanding how Thinking Maps can be adapted and extended to meet the specific needs of English learners at all levels of English proficiency and how to differentiate your instruction. In the future, you will only need to purchase Thinking Maps: Path to Proficiency for English Language Learners Teacher's Text.

Schools and districts are encouraged to send 2-3 representatives in order to build the support for successful implementation at your site.

**DATES:** **May 25, 26, and 27, 2010**, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Los Angeles County Office of Education

**COST:** \$899 per person. Includes training and materials.

For information regarding this workshop, please contact Norma Austin at 562-922-6267 or by e- mail at Austin\_norma@lacoed.edu.

*Please return the completed form **with a Purchase Order** or check payable to LACOE/CIS-MAS Unit for all participants by **April 2, 2010** to:*

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