

Dear Administrator:

Thirteen/WNET and WLIW21's CELEBRATION OF TEACHING AND LEARNING Professional Development Conference is a unique teacher training experience providing dynamic training opportunities for educators on a range of the most compelling educational and pedagogical issues of our time. You probably received this letter from an educator in your school/district who is interested in receiving credit for participation in this professional development offering.

The CELEBRATION will take place over two full days, 8am-5pm each day, at the Hilton New York in New York City, NY, Friday and Saturday, March 6-7, 2009. The Celebration's Professional Development Conference features leading experts on topics of vital interest to local educators. This year's conference content strands include: Science, Global Awareness, Math, Instructional, Technology, English Language Learners, Literacy, Whole School Policy and Engagement, and Autism Understanding and Integration.

These professional development content strands are developed in collaboration with curriculum and professional development advisors from our advisory board, which comprises education professionals from major local and national organizations.

Participating educators attend either one or two full-day sessions, and attend keynote and featured sessions led by nationally renowned education experts and hands-on "In the Classroom" sessions led by practicing education professionals. The CELEBRATION Professional Development Conference accommodates up to 4,000 educators each day, and each attendee receives an official certificate of attendance for each day they participate. For the most complete list of confirmed speakers and session descriptions, please visit the event website: [www.thirteencelebration.org](http://www.thirteencelebration.org).

Thirteen/WNET and WLIW21 have developed a solid track record of providing high-quality professional development, and have official status with the following organizations:

- The Celebration of Teaching & Learning is a BOCES NYSED CoSer aidable professional development event presented in partnership with BOCES of Southern Westchester, Putnam/Northern Westchester, Rockland, Nassau, Western Suffolk and Eastern Suffolk.
- The Celebration of Teaching & Learning is presented in collaboration with New York State Teacher Centers.
- Thirteen/WNET is a Registered Professional Development Provider with the State of New Jersey Department of Education.
- Thirteen/WNET is an approved professional development vendor for New York City Department of Education.

We hope that this provides all the information you will need to help determine if your educator will be awarded local professional development credit for this event. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or if you would like to explore making arrangements for other educators from your school/district to attend the CELEBRATION—full registration details available at [www.thirteencelebration.org](http://www.thirteencelebration.org). We thank you for your dedication to continued professional development of educators.

Sincerely,

Jon Rubin  
Director, State and Local Education Services  
Thirteen/WNET and WLIW21 New York Public Television