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Dear Colleague,

We are writing to invite you to apply and/or nominate a candidate for the 2009-2010 Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP), sponsored by the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) in Washington D.C. and Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES).

Now, more than ever, leaders in a variety of organizations need to understand the local impact of education policy mandates from Washington and Hartford. EPFP provides Fellows with direct contact with policy makers in these two venues. These experiences provide EPFP graduates with the knowledge and skills leaders need to help teachers, staff, and community members comprehend the implications of these education policy initiatives.

The U.S. Department of Education is urging local districts to use new federal stimulus monies to develop capacity for long term school improvement through professional development programs. EPFP is specifically designed to achieve these objectives.

EPFP is targeted for administrators, teachers, and managers who possess leadership talent. This program will help nurture administrative capacity that will supplement professional growth efforts already in place in your organization. Plans are in place for seminars that will focus on topics such as results based accountability, workforce issues, secondary school reform, 21st Century Skills, as well as other pertinent educational concerns. Please note the criteria for graduation:

- Attendance at 5 out of 6 seminars
- Attendance at 2 National Conferences
- Electronic Portfolio that shows evidence of incorporation of “best practices” learned through the program within educational leadership/policy initiatives
- Self-reflection narrative

You may find a brochure which provides a full description of the program, information on explicating costs and procedures, along with the application on our website at www.aces.org.

EPFP is for that special individual who has great leadership and administrative capacity and/or potential. We hope you will not delay in either applying or making your nomination. All applications/nominations must be submitted by **August 14, 2009**. Please mail all correspondence to the attention of Joanne Manginelli at ACES, 205 Skiff Street, Hamden, 06517.

Best regards,

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Connecticut Coordinator, EPFP

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P.S. If you would like, we can arrange to bill you for the program tuition fee in this school year rather than take funds from the 2009-2010 budget. Title II funds can be utilized for program tuition fees.

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