

Department of Bilingual Education Newsletter

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Save the Dates**The Long Island Teacher's Institute***Supporting Academic Success for English Language Learners*→ **Thursday, March 11, 2010****Huntington Hilton—8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Cost: \$50****33rd Annual Conference NYS Association for Bilingual Education***Bilingual Education: A Pathway to**Multicultural and Multilingual Learning Communities*→ **Thursday, March 11, 2010—Sunday, March 14, 2010****Huntington Hilton Hotel, Melville, New York**

For more information, pre-registration, award nomination, and presentation proposal forms, please visit the NYSABE website at:

<http://www.nysabe.org/>**Disaster in Haiti****Message from The Bilingual Department**

In January 2010 we had 28 students enrolled in Hempstead Schools who were either born in Haiti or whose parent(s) were born in Haiti. Several of our staff are Haitian born or are of Haitian origin. On behalf of the entire Bilingual Department we extend to our Haitian students, their families and our colleagues our deepest sympathies on this horrendous catastrophe and the losses and suffering that have ensued.

If there is anything specifically we can do to help, please let us know and we'll get the word out to the Bilingual/ESL/LOTE staff. Of course, we also urge our colleagues to donate generously to Haitian Aid Relief organizations.

Please read this link from Colorín Colorado for tips on **helping your Haitian students cope** with this disaster: <http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/35420>. On January 25, 2010 The Bilingual Department sent this information to your Buildings' Principals.

Please call the bilingual office for additional resources available from the federal government, New York State, Non-Governmental Organizations, and New York City to help Haitian citizens.

