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TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Jim McBride, Ed.D. 

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SUBJECT: Teaching Ambassador Fellowship Program

RESPONSE REQUESTED

Secretary Margaret Spellings has announced the creation of Teaching Ambassador Fellowship positions for currently practicing, K-12 public school teachers at the U.S. Department of Education for the 2008-2009 school year. These positions will offer highly motivated, innovative teachers the opportunity to contribute their knowledge and experience to the national dialogue on public education. The Fellowship includes two kinds of opportunities for teachers across the U.S. Up to 20 Classroom Fellows will remain at their schools under their regular teaching contracts and will be paid to participate in additional Department discussions and projects throughout the school year on a part-time basis. Up to five Washington Fellows will be chosen to become full-time, paid federal employees in Washington, D.C. for the school year, working on education programs and participating in policy discussions.

Teaching Ambassador Fellows will be selected based upon their record of leadership, impact on student achievement, and potential for contribution to the field. Highly qualified K-12 public school teachers who have spent at least three years in the classroom are eligible to apply. Teachers must be currently practicing in and employed by a public school district to be eligible. To ensure collaboration at the school and district levels, teacher applicants must have the full support of their school principals.

Applications are due by April 7, 2008. Teaching Ambassador Fellows will be named by early summer for the 2008-2009 school year. Please read the detailed information found at <http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherfellowship> to learn more. Be sure to click on all of the links to review the following:

Program Overview - (<http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherfellowship/programoverview.html>)
Eligibility - (<http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherfellowship/eligibility.html>)
Applicant Info - (<http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherfellowship/applicant.html>)
Application Instructions (<http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherfellowship/applicationinstructions.html>)
FAQs - (<http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherfellowship/faq.html>).