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Grant Funded Professional Learning Opportunity for Solano County Educators and Community Artists

The Solano County Office of Education has once again received \$75,000.00 in grant funding to support the Solano Integrated Learning Specialist Program (ILSP). This funding provides an opportunity for Solano County educators and community artists to participate in professional development over a three-year span. “This is a wonderful opportunity for our Solano County educators and our community artists. ILSP crosses many disciplinary boundaries for learning in all content areas of instruction by incorporating the arts in education. It is important that students be provided with creative methods for learning. The Solano ILSP will show participants methods for making learning visible which supports student access to the core curriculum,” says Solano County Superintendent of Schools, Lisette-Estrella Henderson.

There are three courses in June and each course provides participants with an opportunity to engage in 30 hours of training:

Course A - Strategies and Resources for Arts Integration (6/11-6/15): This hands-on course focuses on an introduction to arts-integrated teaching, curriculum development, and assessment grounded in contemporary arts and educational frameworks from Harvard’s Project Zero: Teaching for Understanding, Studio Thinking, and Making Learning Visible.

Course B - Ongoing Assessment Strategies and Applications: Making Learning Visible, Studio Habits of Mind, Rubrics, and Portfolios (6/18-6/22): Participants learn ongoing assessment strategies, including Studio Habits of Mind, Making Learning Visible and documentation, rubrics, and portfolios. They develop protocols, tools, and applications that are useful for evaluating and deepening their learning and their students’ learning. Participants also choose an area of assessment to complete an action research project, and come together to share work at the end of the course.

Course C: Collaborative Curriculum Design (6/25-6/29): Participants develop arts integrated curriculum using the Teaching for Understanding framework and receive feedback from the collective group. Participants learn how to use a variety of protocols and tools for evaluating and deepening classroom practice; they also consider points of inquiry, thinking deeply about their own contexts and present their final unit to the group. Collaborative teams are welcome.

Participants may take all three courses. The grant funding covers the cost of \$299.00 for each participant per course which includes materials, a light breakfast and lunch. This is also an opportunity for individuals to work toward an ILSP Certificate. A certificate qualifies credentialed teachers and teaching artists to provide leadership in their professional learning communities. Continuing Education Units (CEU) are available for an additional fee through Mills College. Graduate units are available through Lesley University after successful completion of all three core courses. The graduate units apply to Lesley's Integrated Teaching Through the Arts Master's Program.

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