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## **Literacy Education Advocacy Day 2010**

**April 22, 2010**

**Morning of preparation- Hall of the States, Rm. 383-385  
(444 N. Capital St.-near Union Station Metro and the Capitol Building)**

**8:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m.**

Participants will hear

- an overview of [A Blueprint for Reform](#), the Department of Education's recommendations for reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA);
- highlights of the LEARN act; and
- a description of NCTE's two main asks for visits with legislators and legislative staff members.

Speakers include

- Massie Ritsch, Deputy Assistant Secretary for External Affairs and Outreach, U.S. Department of Education;
- Brad Jupp, Senior Education Program Specialist, U.S. Department of Education;
- Patty Murray, U.S. Senator and Sponsor of the LEARN Act (S. 2740); and
- New York City teacher Jennifer Ochoa on what makes an effective Hill visit.

Participants will rehearse what they plan to say during afternoon visits.

## **Afternoon of visits-Senate and House office buildings**

**12:00-4:30 p.m.**

Participants will choose timing and place for lunch.

Participants will visit their Senators and Representatives with whom they have [made appointments](#)

## **Debriefing and celebration of the day-Rayburn B-339**

**4:30-6:00 p.m.**

Participants will write visit reports, share accounts of the day, and enjoy light food and refreshments.