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Dear Fellow Principals in the Archdiocese of Seattle,

It gives me great pleasure to announce that we are hosting a six day **Project GLAD** training at St. Cecilia Catholic School located on Bainbridge Island, just a 35 minute ferry ride from Seattle. "**Project GLAD** is a curricular model of professional development dedicated to building academic language and literacy for all students, especially English language learners. It has a unique blend of practical strategies that develop metacognition for teachers and students in reading and writing, standards-based planning and cultural sensitivity and relevancy."

The training includes two days of theory on June 20th and 21st, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with one hour off for lunch. We then meet August 9,10,11, & 12th for classrooms demonstrations from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. each day, one hour for lunch, and then classroom planning from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Sixteen 4th-6th grade students from SCCS will participate in the classroom demonstrations; we will have ELL students and native English speakers who are at all levels of learning. We are able to host 24 people; my teachers and I will take seven spots and North Kitsap Public Schools has requested five spots. We have space for 12 more teachers and administrators. The cost per person is \$1,300 which includes the six day training, the Project GLAD binder and the shared cost of travel, lodging and meals for two trainers. Title funds may be used to cover this professional development.

Teachers are eager to support the needs of all students in our Catholic schools. This opportunity allows us to provide our teachers with the tools they need to engage all learners. Please refer to the two attachments for more detailed information and do not hesitate to call or email me if you have further questions.

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