

April 12, 2004

Dear Principal:

I would like to invite you and a group of students from your school to participate in UCLA/IDEA's Youth Summit at UCLA on June 11, 2004. This summit brings together students from across greater Los Angeles to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the landmark case, *Brown v Board of Education*. Student participants will share their historical research on the efforts by Los Angeles-area students, educators, and community members to realize *Brown's* promise of education on "equal terms." The Summit, which will run from 9:30-2, will feature the work of students from Elementary, Middle, and High Schools.

UCLA's Institute for Democracy, Education, and Access (IDEA) will host the Youth Summit. This year, IDEA has sponsored a UCLA-teacher seminar, "Teaching the Legacy of *Brown* in LA," for 15 LA County educators. The seminar has provided participating teachers with a variety of tools for engaging their students in historical study of educational change within their community. These teachers have done wonderful work with their students that has promoted academic skills and forged powerful new understandings. Many classrooms have read primary and secondary documents (newspaper articles, reports, historical articles) about LA-area education over the past 50 years. Some have examined education statistics and census data. Other classrooms have conducted oral history projects with former students in their school. We look forward to learning from all of this work in June.

The Summit will be held at UCLA's Faculty Center. We will provide snacks, a lunch, and a commemorative t-shirt for all participants. Schools are responsible for transportation to and from UCLA. As in past years, we will publish the work of students in our on-line journal, Teaching To Change LA. (To access past coverage of past Youth Summit's, go to www.TeachingToChangeLA.org and search for 'summit' at the bottom of the page.)

I hope that you and students from your school can join us on June 11. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 310-206-4620 or rogers@gseis.ucla.edu.

Best wishes,



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Interested in Curriculum Materials Commemorating BROWN?

If you are interested in accessing more curriculum materials commemorating *Brown's* legacy in Los Angeles, please go to www.EqualTerms.org. This page includes a pamphlet (to download and copy) which we have created in partnership with L.A. County Office of Education. LACOE is sending out 20 copies of the pamphlet and 2 accompanying videos to each school in the County. If you would like more pamphlets for your school, we would be happy to provide them at no cost.