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Dear Administrator:

"Concept to Classroom" is a free professional development workshop series that addresses a variety of relevant topics in education today. The workshop series is a production of Thirteen Ed Online, an online professional development site of the Educational Resources Center at Thirteen/WNET. You probably received this letter from an educator in your school/district who is interested in receiving credit for their participation in one of the workshops.

The "Concept to Classroom" workshops were developed by experts in the field and reviewed by a select set of education professionals. Each workshop contains information that is directly applicable to the classroom, and is also appropriate for use in pre-service and in-service training in teacher education programs. The course your teacher is interested in is Interdisciplinary Learning and was developed in collaboration with expert Dr. Heidi Hayes Jacobs. We invite you to visit our "Concept to Classroom" site at <http://www.thirteen.org/edonline/concept2class/>.

In the Interdisciplinary Learning workshop, the educator will explore an alternative avenue for designing curriculum. In particular, the educator will learn a step-by-step process for creating an interdisciplinary unit that will help her/him move through the process of examining her/his teaching methods and find new ways to engage students. The time involved to complete the workshop is approximately thirty to thirty-five hours. Thirteen Ed Online's education experts feel that the time and effort required to participate is worth professional development credit, and we recommend that educators who successfully complete this workshop receive two credits.

You should also find two attachments with this letter. We have provided you with some tools to help in your consideration and assessment: a rubric and a syllabus. The Interdisciplinary Learning Rubric is an important conceptual tool that can help you judge the educator's assessment rubric based on specific evaluative criteria. We encourage dialogue between staff members and administration to ensure that everyone is using the same vocabulary and a similar background from which to draw on experiences and their work in the classroom. The syllabus presents an outline of the course, including topics that are covered, assignments, and a list of resources.

We hope that these tools will help you and your educator to determine the awarding of professional development credit.

We thank you for your dedication to continued professional development of educators at your school.

Sincerely,

Thirteen Ed Online Team