

Dear Teachers:

I am pleased to invite you to participate in the National Teacher Training Institute (NTTI), an all day workshop being held for teachers in East Baton Rouge Parish and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge. Sponsors for this event include Louisiana Public Broadcasting, WNET Channel Thirteen New York, East Baton Rouge Parish School System and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Baton Rouge. Major funding for NTTI is provided by State Farm, Cisco Systems and the GE Foundation.

The workshop is designed to help teachers learn from other teachers how to integrate video and telecommunications into their classroom instruction. Nine master teachers from throughout the state have found exceptional ways to use Instructional Television (ITV), PBS primetime programming, and the Internet to explain, motivate, reinforce, and reach students' different learning styles as they try to understand concepts. During the course of the Institute, participants observe and participate in lessons which illustrate, step-by-step, how to teach with technology. It will build on the training that many of you have already received through other professional development experiences such as INTECH or other Technology Challenge Grants.

This workshop will be delivered through a series of sessions at the elementary, middle and high school grade levels. Each teacher will be able to attend 6 different concurrent sessions. In addition, there will be an informational session about LPB's educational resources and the national NTTI resources. Three of the sessions will be hands-on technology instruction and three will be methodology demonstrations of media-rich lessons.

The event will be held at Istrouma High School on Saturday, March 27, 2004 from 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. We promise that you won't be bored or regret spending your Saturday with us! A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. All teachers will walk away with a **handheld computer**, lesson plans specific to their grade level, a CD that will contain all lesson plans, videos and many more free resources and surprises!

We plan to make this one of the most stimulating and rewarding (and fun) experiences that you participate in this school year. NTTI is now entering its fourteenth year and has reached thousands of teachers from coast to coast. Looking forward to meeting each of you!

Sincerely,

Nancy Thompson
NTTI Project Director

