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TO: Superintendents
Los Angeles County School Districts

FROM: Darline P. Robles, Ph.D.
Superintendent

SUBJECT: **Superintendent Breakfast Forum: The Civic Mission of Schools –
Creating an Educated, Committed, Responsible Citizenry**

The Los Angeles County Office of Education in collaboration with the Constitutional Rights Foundation and the Los Angeles Times is sponsoring a breakfast forum to engage school districts in conversations and programs to prepare young people to be competent and responsible citizens throughout their lives.

The Civic Mission of Schools is a national initiative developed in response to the drastic decline in adult and youth engagement in civic and political institutions such as voluntary associations, religious congregations, community-based organizations, and political and electoral activities such as voting and being informed about public issues. Young people are less likely to vote and are less interested in political discussion and public issues than adults or young people of past decades. As a result, many young Americans are not prepared to participate fully in our democracy, thus affecting the future of our democratic institutions.

Led by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and The Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) in consultation with the Corporation for National and Community Service, ***The Civic Mission of Schools*** report outlines specific goals for civic education, recommendations, and six promising practices for school communities.

School district superintendents are invited to an informative and engaging breakfast forum to:

- Find out how ***The Civic Mission of Schools*** adds value to educational programs
- Learn how newspapers and the media impact education and democratic institutions
- Share existing models of success
- Identify needs to help schools move forward
- Receive resources and materials including a copy of *The Civic Mission of Schools* report and 1 California Department of Education California Civic Education Scope and Sequence

DATE: MONDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2004

TIME: 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

**PLACE: Los Angeles Times
202 W. 1st Street
Salon Room, 5th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Map and parking directions will be sent upon receipt of registration.

DEADLINE: Monday, September 27, 2004

Please send registration to:

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