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News Release

English Language Acquisition Unit Announces Teacher of the Year

The English Language Acquisition Unit (ELAU) today announced the 2008 ELAU Teacher of the Year—Judith Morales from Greeley-Evans School District 6.

“Ms. Morales is an indispensable resource to the families in her community,” said ELAU Director Barbara Medina. “Ms. Morales makes herself available during planning periods, lunches and after school for translating and interpreting so parents feel welcome at the school.”

Morales teaches English Language Learners at Bella Romero Elementary School in Greeley-Evans School District 6. She will be honored at the 2008 English Language Acquisition (ELA) Academy on Thursday, April 17, 2008.

The second annual ELA Academy will be held Thursday, April 17 and Friday, April 18, from 7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Doubletree Hotel, 3203 Quebec St., in Denver. A diverse group of speakers will present topics relevant to the needs of Colorado educators. Co-sponsored by the BUENO Center at the University of Colorado-Boulder, the 2008 ELA Academy focuses on critical transitions for English language learners, assessment and accommodations, leadership, legal issues, accountability and best practices.

For more information on the ELA Academy, visit www.cde.state.co.us/cde_english/elau_events.htm.

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