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Teacher Workshop to Enhance Teaching of Mathematics

MEMPHIS, TN (January 14, 2010) – Public and private school teachers in the City of Memphis and throughout Shelby County are invited to attend the Annual SITES-M Teacher Workshop focusing on mathematics on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Teaching and Learning Academy, 2485 Hollywood Street. The workshop is part of SITES-M, which is a grant program funded by the State of Tennessee to help elementary school teachers to improve their techniques and skills in teaching mathematics. Last year, the workshop was attended by 150 public, private and parochial school teachers.

SITES-M, short for Strengthening Instruction in the Teaching of Elementary School Mathematics, is a project spearheaded through the Tennessee Black Caucus that provides approximately \$2 million per year for five historically black colleges in the state to enhance the teaching of mathematics. The partnership involves Tennessee State University, Fisk University, Knoxville College, Lane University and LeMoyné-Owen College and Educational Testing Service (ETS). The grant also allows participating schools to work directly with area elementary schools. LeMoyné-Owen College is partnering with Memphis City Schools and teachers at Cummings Elementary situated just blocks from its campus.

LeMoyné-Owen College is pleased that SITES-M is collaborating with Memphis City Schools to expand the project to include elementary schools in the Northwest Region of the district. Additionally, this year the workshop will be facilitated by staff from Education Development Center (EDC) in Boston, Massachusetts.

The workshop will focus on energizing teachers around mathematics content, mathematics teaching, and students' mathematical ideas. It will be guided by twin themes:

- Examining the mathematical ideas of numbers, operations, and fractions central to elementary school.
- Examining the pedagogy required for teaching students for understanding.

For more information about the SITES-M Workshop for teachers, please see the contacts listed above.

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