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The SELPA Scoop

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Serving Special Education students and their families in Burbank, Glendale and La Canada

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Please make a note of our first scheduled Community Advisory Committee Meeting for the 2009-10 School Year

• Wednesday, October 28th
6:30 pm

This meeting will be held at the La Canada Unified School District Office in the Board Room, at 4490 Cornishon Avenue, La Canada, at the corner of Cornishon and Foothill Blvd. The Board Room is in the round brick building on the southeast corner.

Any questions, or if you need directions, please call the SELPA Office at (818)246-5378

View from the Director's Chair...

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to an exciting school year! I am thrilled to be part of the outstanding Foothill SELPA team driven towards providing students with quality programs and services.

Since this is my first newsletter as the Foothill SELPA Director, I thought I would share a little bit about myself with you. I was born and raised in New Delhi, India. I have lived in Los Angeles for the last 27 years and have been a resident of Glendale for more than 15 years. My two grown children attended the local public schools. I have served special education as a school psychologist, Behavior Specialist and Director of

Special Education for the past 19 years. I am a firm



believer that it takes a village to educate a child. Therefore, it is my hope that parents and professionals will continue to collaborate as a team to serve the students with special needs in our SELPA.

I look forward to meeting you at the upcoming CAC meeting. Please plan to attend the meeting on October 28th at 6:30 pm in the La Canada USD Board room. The address is 4490 Cornishon Avenue, which

is at the corner of Cornishon and Foothill Blvd in La Canada. This meeting will provide us an opportunity to meet and discuss how to further improve special education programs and services in our SELPA. In addition, we can begin planning the upcoming CAC conference in Spring of 2010.

I look forward to serving you in this school year. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at my email address sbatra@gusd.net or by phone at 818-246-5378. Sincerely,

Sunita

**Making a return to the
Foothill SELPA....**



Rick Saunders, Transition Coordinator

My name is Rick Saunders, and this is my 20th year as a Special Education Teacher in Glendale Unified School District. I have been at Hoover and Glendale High Schools, and at the FACTS program. I also worked in the SELPA previously as the Transition Partnership Program Coordinator. I have two children, one of whom is a senior in high school, and the other just graduated from Loyola Marymount University. I am happy to be back doing transition at the SELPA level and hope to continue the great work that has been done here in the past. If you see me at one of the SELPA campuses, please be sure to introduce yourself!

Early Start Program

For information or referral:

(818) 246-3841

Serving infants and toddlers (birth through 3) with Hearing Loss, Visual Impairment and/or Severe Orthopedic Impairments

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It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Ken Chambers, Transition Coordinator for the Foothill SELPA. Ken fought a hard year-long battle with cancer, and passed away on August 15, 2009. Ken worked in the SELPA for ten years. His main responsibility was working with secondary special needs students, teaching job skills and working with employers. He was loved in the SELPA by staff, student and families. He is greatly missed, and we continue to wish his family well. Thanks to all of you who have expressed your condolences.