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TESOL International Association Receives Braitmayer Foundation Grant

Alexandria, VA (25 October 2013) — TESOL International Association has received a generous grant from the Braitmayer Foundation to design and pilot a series of professional development workshops to help schools implement the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) for English learners at the beginning language proficiency. The workshops will focus on four grade levels: lower elementary, upper elementary, middle grades, and high school.

The grant will enable TESOL to develop a series of practical, ready-to-use resources that English as a second language (ESL) teachers will use in delivering interactive workshops to content-area and other ESL teachers. The goals of the project are to:

- Empower ESL teachers to deliver professional development related to ELs to content area teachers and administrators
- Showcase ESL teachers as advocates for ELs in their school and district settings
- Support ESL teachers as they become experts in the CCSS for ELs in their school and district settings
- Elevate the role of the ESL teacher as an expert in matters related to ELs

These resources will be developed and piloted over the next several months, with a goal of publishing similar workshops in early 2014 for school and district-wide teacher professional development.

About TESOL International Association

Founded in 1966, TESOL International Association is a professional community of educators, researchers, administrators, and students committed to advancing excellence in English language teaching for speakers of other languages worldwide. With more than 13,000 members representing over 150 countries, TESOL fosters the exchange of ideas, research, and peer-to-peer knowledge, and provides expertise, resources, and a powerful voice on issues affecting the profession. Through professional development programs, its international conference, special interest groups, and publications, TESOL engages tens of thousands of professionals to collaborate globally and create a world of opportunity for millions of people of all ages who want to learn English. For more information, please visit www.tesol.org.