



**New York State United Teachers (NYSUT)
and
Greater Capital Region Teacher Center**

in partnership with Questar III Regional Bilingual Education Network (RBERN) and
New York State Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Language (NYS TESOL)

are proud to present

I LEARN AMERICA

Tuesday, October 27, 2015

4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

NYSUT, Albert Shanker Conference Center
800 Troy-Schenectady Road
Latham, NY 12110

In New York State, one in five children is an immigrant or was born to immigrant parents. Our schools are educating more and more students who speak other languages and represent world-wide cultures.

This session offers educators an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding about the challenges faced by students who are learning to master English, adjust to families they may have not seen in years, and create a future of their own while coming of age in a different culture. Participants will gain insight into different cultures and how their schools can welcome and support their students.

The documentary *I Learn America* explores the experiences of students at a New York City public high school that is dedicated to serving newly arrived immigrants. In this film, five resilient teenagers come together and struggle to learn in their new land. Through these vibrant young people, their stories and struggles, and their willingness to open their lives and share them with us, we can all begin to “learn America.”

Following the screening, a panel of English language learners (and former ELLs) from the Capital District will share their own experiences and answer questions from the audience.

The hosts will provide resources about ELL education, including ways to bring the film to their home community and lessons developed for middle and high school students. In addition, participants will receive a tool with which their school communities may reflect upon their current cultural competence and practices, with an eye toward fostering ongoing learning. This tool and resources could be used to meet a NYS requirement that a teacher’s professional development be devoted to the needs of ELLs.

Please register now via My Learning Plan at the following link: <https://goo.gl/ZL04dX>

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