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## Hello Teachers:

Our Alternative Education Program has full access to a resource known as the Problem-Based Learning Project. This e-mail is to introduce you to this resource, and allow you to begin using the tools.

The PBL Project will give you access to several things:

- 1) **Integrated Problem-Based Scenarios** that will "train" your students on PBL skills (i.e. solving real-world problems, pulling evidence from non-fiction sources, generating practical responses, and so on)
- 2) **Problem-Based "Weekly Warm-ups"** based on current events (you will receive these each week via e-mail)
- 3) **Hundreds of Critical Thinking Exercises** that are aligned to the standards and help develop PBL strategies

Your account representative is Ben Bache (phone: <u>864-877-5123</u>, <u>ben@pblproject.com</u>), and he will be glad to answer any questions that you may have.

The first step in using the PBL Project is to register with the site. This only takes a minute to complete, and quick instructions can be found here: http://pblproject.com/page.aspx?pageid=PBL\_registering

Most "program directors" have been pre-registered ahead of time. If this is the case, simply go to <a href="http://www.pblproject.com/">http://www.pblproject.com/</a> and enter your e-mail address as the Login Name in the top right-hand corner. Your password is "**pbl**" (all lowercase, no quotations).

If you are new to the site, here's a 3-minute video that will make you an instant expert: http://www.pblproject.com/page.aspx?pageid=PBL 3-minute-training

At this time, please feel free to "play around" with the PBL Project website by finding the Integrated Problem-Based scenarios and browsing through them. Enjoy!

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