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Dear Principals,

Please make sure your low-income families are aware of the Earned Income Credit and Child Tax Credit. The information is provided below. Please **do not** confuse with our Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. They are to call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 for information.



## Money Talks! Have You Heard?

**As Much As \$5,666 — or more — Could Be Waiting for You!**

**You could qualify!**  
Did you work in 2010? You may be eligible for the Earned Income Credit — even if you don't owe income tax.

**If you worked in 2010:**

- Did you have one child living with you? Did you earn less than \$35,535\*? You can get an EIC up to **\$3,050**.
- Did you have 2 children living with you? Did you earn less than \$40,363\*? You can get an EIC up to **\$5,036**.
- Did you have 3 or more children living with you? Did you earn less than \$43,352\*? You can get an EIC up to **\$5,666**.
- If you had no children living with you, did you earn less than \$13,460\* in 2010? Were you between the ages 25 and 64? You can get an EIC up to **\$457**.

\*Income limits for married workers are \$5,010 higher.

**You could get a CTC refund too!**  
Many families that earned more than \$3,000 may qualify for the Child Tax Credit (CTC) refund — up to \$1,000 for each qualifying child under age 17.

**File a Federal Tax Return to get the EIC and CTC: Get Free Help!!!**

- VITA — Volunteer Income Tax Assistance — helps people fill out returns for free.
- For a site near you, call 1-800-906-9887.

**Make sure you get the Making Work Pay Credit**  
Many workers got the Making Work Pay Credit in 2010 in their paychecks. But if you were self-employed, or didn't earn enough to have income tax withheld, you can claim this credit on your tax return.