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## To Heads of English Departments

Dear Colleagues

### SATE Funding for English Projects

As you probably know, SATE, or the Swiss Association of Teachers of English, ([www.sate.ch](http://www.sate.ch)) is the English branch of the VSG (*Verein der Schweizer GymnasiallehrerInnen*). One of SATE's main objectives is to support the teaching of English and to promote the language and culture in Swiss schools.

To this end SATE organises further education courses each year for its members and for teachers of English. However, since it is sometimes difficult for teachers to attend courses run by SATE and the WBZ, we have decided to offer financial support to teachers of English in Swiss grammar schools for any activities which aim at promoting the English language and the culture of the English-speaking world. Such activities may include inviting guest speakers, organising lectures, readings, poetry slams, theatre performances in schools (but not public performances by commercial theatre groups), in-house productions or activities by students and teachers, etc.

Although teachers who are members of SATE will have priority when it comes to allocating grants for projects, any state schools are welcome to apply for funding within the following framework:

- Grants will be allocated for each school year (August-July) starting in August 2011.
- Grants will normally range from CHF 200.- to a maximum of CHF 1,000.- per project.
- Applications, which should include a brief summary of the project and the approximate cost, should be sent to Brigitte Brun ([brigittebrun@gmx.ch](mailto:brigittebrun@gmx.ch)). Although applications can be submitted at any time, they will be dealt with on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Decisions regarding the granting of funds will be taken by the SATE Committee.

We hope that this offer from SATE will interest teachers, and we look forward to hearing from you. We also hope that if you are not already a member of SATE, you will join the association and encourage your colleagues to do the same. The annual subscription is only CHF 30.-, and you can join via the SATE website or by contacting Roland Lüthi ([roluethi@me.com](mailto:roluethi@me.com)).

Thank you for your attention.

Best wishes

The SATE Committee