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READING FIRST INFORMATION

As of this newsletter, compliance monitoring is going on in districts across Illinois. The Chicago and Springfield offices hired new principal consultants to complete monitoring visits. This is exciting news for Reading First schools and districts because all schools are now assigned a specific principal consultant who will be able to provide assistance to the early reading specialists, coaches, and principals.

Illinois State Board of Education will be adding additional support for schools in guided reading and small group instruction. Fall visits suggest there is a need for more professional development in these areas.

The state is aware of the Reading First publicity in the news. On December 26, 2007, President Bush signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, which, among other things, provides appropriations for Reading First. Illinois Reading First funds for next year will be cut by 62%. Budget and program information for Reading First Schools will be available to superintendents and districts fiscal staff at the February 7, 2008, District Meeting in Springfield.

ADMINISTRATORS

Instructional Leadership Training

ISBE has begun the Instructional Leadership trainings. Wireless Generation provides the training sessions which cover using data to improve instruction. Evaluations showed administrators were able to examine their own data and use it to inform instructional change. In addition, the administrators felt that they had a better understanding of what the coach is doing in grade level meetings and in classrooms. Data-driven decision making helps all members of the school help students achieve more. Wireless has made it simpler to view snapshots of students with technology.



Instructional Leadership Training:

SESSION DATES ARE BELOW:

SESSION II-2008

North Location
Feb. 13, 14, 15, 19

The meeting place for the north is Matteson Holiday Inn, Matteson, IL

South Location
Springfield Feb. 20, 21

The meeting place for Springfield will be at the Auxiliary Building, 3031 Stanton Rd.

SESSION III-2008

South Location
Springfield May 1, 2

North Location
May 6, 7, 8, 9

ADMINISTRATOR ACADEMY

The December 11, 2007, the face to face meeting that was cancelled is rescheduled for January 8, 2008, at Matteson Holiday Inn in Matteson, Illinois. Please mark your calendars and make your reservations. Please register on line at MIKO-www.mikogroup.com

DISTRICT MEETING

February 7, 2008 9:00-3:00
Crowne Plaza Hotel,
3000 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, IL

This meeting is for superintendents and district level staff, concerning the Continuing Application Process. Please sign up on MIKO website.

IMPORTANT DATES

Jan Hasbrouck-Session 2 Jan. 29, 2008
Coach Training-South
IEA Prof. Dev. Building
Springfield, IL

Jan Hasbrouck-Session 2 Jan. 31, 2008
Coach Training-North
Holiday Inn
Matteson, IL

Interventionist Training Feb. 21, 2008
Jan Hasbrouck
William Tell Holiday Inn
Joliet Road
Countryside, IL

Jan Hasbrouck Session 3 March 4, 2008
Coach Training-South
IEA Prof. Dev. Building
Springfield, IL

Jan Hasbrouck Session 3 March 6, 2008
Coach Training –North
William Tell Holiday Inn
Countryside, IL



RESOURCES FOR INTERVENTIONS

Florida Center for Reading Research www.fcrr.org

Reading Research Quarterly, 40, 148-181 (2005)

Preventing Reading Difficulties in Young Children
by C. E. Snow, et al. (1998)

University of Texas
www.texasreading.org

Neuhaus Education Center
www.neuhaus.org

Wireless Generation
www.wirelessgeneration.com

DIBELS website
www.dibels.uoregon.edu

DIBELS DATES 2007-2008

Progress Monitoring should be going on in schools now. Every two weeks for intensive students and monthly for strategic students.

MOY-Winter 2008

Jan . 7-30, 2007

Submit data by Feb. 1, 2008

EOY-Ending Dates Before June 1, 2008

April 14 to May 9, 2008

Submit all data by May 12, 2008

Ending Dates after June 1,

May 12- June 6.

Submit by June 9, 2008

BALANCED CALENDAR SCHOOLS

MOY Count 14-15 weeks forward to establish the middle of the year.

3 weeks to complete

EOY Count 15 weeks forward

4 weeks to complete

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REMINDER
ISAT
March 3-7 and 10-14



EVALUATORS NEED HELP

Make sure entries are made in a timely fashion for Wireless Generation and MGT. These are two separate companies that have a contract with the state to conduct data collection. One depends on the other for information. Your timely entries enable Wireless to set up DIBELS (MOY) Middle of the Year Benchmark.