

Dear Program Directors:

## **Comprehensive Planning**

### ***Seal of Biliteracy—Stay tuned!***

We will be sharing training materials, forms, and additional information related to districts' participation in the State Seal of Biliteracy with you by mid-March.

### ***AMAOs***

We recently shared with you that the 2014 Title III Annual Measurable Achievement Objectives (AMAOs) notification letter and report are available in IWAS under e-Report Card for school districts that received Title III funds in 2013-2014 school year.

Please be advised that only district superintendents have access to the AMAO report in IWAS. However, anyone can review their district's AMAO status and status tracking on our website:

<http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/htmls/titleIII.htm>

The school districts that did not meet the Title III AMAOs for last two (2013 and 2014) or three (2012, 2013 and 2014) consecutive years must submit a District Improvement Plan (DIP) by March 31, 2015 to ensure that the districts meet the AMAO targets. The districts that did not meet their Title III AMAOs for last four (2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014) or more consecutive years should address modifications of their ELL program, curriculum, and instruction in their plan. Districts are required to implement the plan during the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school year.

The DIP can be completed through either:

- a Title III DIP template now posted at <http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/default.htm>; or
- the Rising Star platform at <http://iirc.niu.edu>.  
Districts can continue using the Rising Star indicators by logging into the myIIRC portal on the Illinois Interactive Report Card (IIRC).

The 2014 Title III DIP submission guidance and resources are now available at <http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/htmls/titleIII.htm> .

If you have any questions regarding your 2014 Title III AMAO calculation, please call Dr. Shuwan Chiu, Center for Performance, at 217-782-0354. Please contact Dr. Seon H. Eun, English Language Learning, at 312-814-3850 for any additional assistance related to Title III programs.

## **Professional Development**

### ***Upcoming Workshops provided by WIDA***

These workshops are open to any educator from Illinois and there is no registration fee.

Please email Sonia Serrano at DELLregistration@isbe.net to register.

If you are ready to register, please include the following information for each individual attending:

- Name
- District name
- Position title
- Type of certificate/license
- Phone number
- Email address

Your registration will not be complete until we receive complete information.

Once registered, we send you a confirmation with the location and registered participants receive an agenda and a participant packet shortly before the workshop.

**ELD Standards in Action: Unit Planning:**

- 1) March 10-11, 2015 in Normal, IL (almost full)**
- 2) NEW—will also be offered: May 11-12, 2015 in Schaumburg, IL**

Participants will utilize resources from the WIDA ELD Standards Framework to plan units of instruction which integrate content and language standards. In school teams, participants will engage in identifying the academic language demands embedded in state content standards, planning and designing a custom unit of instruction, identifying ways to support and differentiate for language development; and planning and designing methods for formative language assessment. Teams will have ample opportunities for developing materials; therefore participants are encouraged to bring curriculum materials and student ACCESS for ELLs scores.

Participants will be able to:

- Discuss how to identify the academic language demands of content standards (e.g. CCSS, NGSS)
- Explain how to integrate content standards and the WIDA ELD Standards when planning instruction and assessment
- Formulate a plan for instruction which includes learning goals for both content and language
- Formulate a plan for assessment for content learning and language development

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