

# Wisconsin e-Brief for Title I Focus Schools

An e-newsletter from the Title I and School Support Team

## April 2016

As part of our ongoing commitment to providing all Title I Focus Schools with consistent and timely information, the Title I and School Support Team will be providing regular e-newsletters to principals, Indistar Process Managers, and Title I coordinators. We welcome suggestions about topics you would like addressed in future editions.

### All Schools Must Take the SIR by June

The only new requirement for the 2015-16 school year is to take the [Rtl Schoolwide Implementation Review \(SIR\)](#). All Focus School leadership teams took the SIR in their identified area (literacy or math) in 2011-12. Schools are then asked to review their progress as assessed by the SIR from their first year of the cohort until the end of the fourth year. This is a self-assessment through the Rtl Center. If you don't have your login information, you can request it by [clicking here](#). If you need additional assistance, please contact your [Regional Technical Assistance Coordinator](#).

### Focus Schools Networking Opportunity



The next networking session will take place at the Wisconsin Math Council's annual conference at the Green Lake Conference Center hosted by your DPI Focus School consultants: Aundrea, Jessica, Susan and Sharon.

**Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:00 p.m.**  
**Kraft Centre Main Dining Room**

**Conference information:** <http://www.wismath.org/Annual-Conference>  
For questions please contact Clara Pfeiffer, (608) 261-6324 or [clara.pfeiffer@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:clara.pfeiffer@dpi.wi.gov)

#### Focus School Grants

Focus School grants are posted to the [ESEA application](#). Your Focus School grant can be used to cover any professional development related expenses, including substitutes.

**Remember that there is no carryover for the \$14,000 Focus School grant and that all expenses must be encumbered by June 30, 2016.**

**The third and final date for Indistar monitoring in 2015-16 is June 1!**

By June 1, you need to have **three** active objectives in Indistar. These objectives need to be aligned to Response to Intervention (Rtl), Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), and, for middle and high schools, Early Warning System (EWS). After you submit your Indistar plan, you will receive feedback via the "coaching comments" tool. Please feel free to respond to your consultant via Indistar in "coaching comments", or by email or phone.

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## New Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) Grants

Applications were due April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be announcing the new cohort soon!

## Comprehensive Assessment for Leadership of Learning (CALL)

Focus Schools will again be given the opportunity to join the CALL cohort. This online assessment helps school leadership and teachers identify strengths and weaknesses so that they can improve their distributed leadership in order to move the needle on school improvement. This group of principals meets through webinars and in person at designated conferences. For more information, visit: <https://www.leadershipforlearning.org/>

## Promoting Excellence for All (PEFA)

Promoting Excellence for All is part of State Superintendent Tony Evers' Agenda 2017 and provides information and strategies successfully used by Wisconsin educators to raise achievement of students of color, closing the gap between them and their peers. The new eCourse is now available! It is a wonderful learning opportunity for individuals or groups. We encourage you to check it out. It is available here: <http://dpi.wi.gov/excforall/ecourse>.

## WISELearn

The goal of WISELearn is to give Wisconsin educators a place to find, submit, approve, and rate lesson ideas and other online resources, then share and discuss ways to use them with their professional learning communities around the state. We hope it will be one of your go-to places for resources, social networks and professional development. Please check out these links: <http://dpi.wi.gov/news/dpi-connected/wiselearn-online> or here: <http://dpi.wi.gov/wiselearn>

## Professional Development Opportunities to Support your School Improvement Plan

**Data Digs:** Please contact your local CESA as there many opportunities around the state.