

Wisconsin E-Brief for Title I Focus Schools

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

August 2015

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 the principals,

The first date for Indistar monitoring is coming up on September 30!

By September 30, you will need to have **three** active objectives in Indistar. These objectives need to be aligned to Response to Intervention (RtI), Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), and, for middle and high schools, Early Warning System (EWS).

Please use the **Submit** button on Indistar when your objectives are ready to be reviewed by DPI.

To navigate to the **Submit** button:

- Go to the school main page
- Choose the tab **Required Reports**
- Click the **Submit** button behind the appropriate deadline date. It is important that you click this button so that your Focus School Liaison knows that your work is complete and ready for review.

Indistar will also be monitored on January 15 and June 1, 2016. To review all of the Year 4 Focus School requirements, please see the [Focus School Requirements 2015 -16 PowerPoint](#). This PowerPoint has been uploaded into Indistar and can also be found on the [Focus Schools-Resources](#) web page.

Since this is the fourth year of the cohort, we are requiring that your staff take the **SIR** self-assessment through the RtI Center. You will remember that you took the SIR during the RtI Foundational Overview training during the first year of the cohort. The first SIR set your baseline and any SIR that you have taken since, will show the progress that your school has made. 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](#).

We are recommending, but not requiring that your staff also take the BoQ this year to measure the school's progress in PBIS. For more information on implementing PBIS and for assessing your school's progress, visit: <http://www.wisconsinpbisnetwork.org/pbis-in-action.html>

If you have any questions, please contact your DPI [Focus School Liaison](#).

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Principals!

If they have not already done so, your Focus School liaison will soon be calling to set up a phone call with you to go over the requirements for the new school year. We strongly encourage you to have an Indistar Process Manager (IPM) to assist with your Focus School requirements. The IPM is the official record keeper of the school's improvement plan which is housed in Indistar. This position works best if it is a member of your school leadership team. If there are any changes in IPM since 2014-15, please notify your DPI Focus School liaison.

Mark your calendar now!

DPI will hold its third ***Title I Innovation and Implementation Conference***, October 26-27, 2015, at the Best Western Inn on the Waterfront in Oshkosh, WI.

This will be two days of support for your school improvement plan and your school leadership team! Registration will be allowed for either or both dates.

Focus School Grants

We will again be providing Focus Schools with a \$14,000 grant for continuous improvement planning using Indistar and ongoing professional development to improve student achievement.

Professional Development Opportunities to Support your School Improvement Plan

[Wisconsin Rtl Center](#) has many wonderful PD events.

If there are instructional coaches in your school, we especially encourage the principal and coaches attend the Leadership and Coaching series together.

[Wisconsin Statewide Mathematics Initiative](#)

[Edgewood College professional development opportunities](#)