

Innovations in Equity: Improving Our Practice Conference

The combined efforts of the Title I and the Special Education teams welcomed over 500 school and district staff to the Innovations in Equity Conference, held in September. Keynote speakers included Mandy Smoke Broaddus, Shelly Moore, and Kenneth Williams. They each shared an inspirational message that will undoubtedly affect our work as we strive for equity for all students in our schools. Sectionals were also well received by those in attendance. We look forward to this annual, collaborative conference in years to come.

Indistar Checkpoint

Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Focus School consultants are currently reviewing all submitted Indistar plans and will provide you with feedback in Indistar under “coaching comments.” These comments may include thoughts, questions, and/or suggestions for your continued work. Please use the “**Submit**” button in Indistar when your plan is ready to be reviewed. If you have not yet submitted your Indistar plan, please contact your DPI Focus School consultant for assistance.

The second and final Indistar plan will be due on **May 1, 2018**.

Focus School Grant

Focus School grants have been loaded into WISEgrants. Your district may now budget the funds and submit for approval. With the increased flexibility, funds for this grant may be used for Indistar support, professional development, substitutes, and student-related services, all of which are allowable under Title I.

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 eBriefs to Principals, Indistar Process Managers, and Title I coordinators. We welcome suggestions about topics you would like addressed in future editions.

Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

Wisconsin State Reading Association Convention in Milwaukee, February 8-10, 2018. For details visit [WSRA Convention](#).

Wisconsin Summit for Data-Informed Leadership in Green Bay, March 1-2, 2018. For details visit [WASDA](#).

Wisconsin Title I Association Conference in Wisconsin Dells, April 5-6, 2018. For details visit [WI Title I Association](#).

Wisconsin Math Council’s Annual Conference in Green Lake, May 2-4, 2018.

[Wisconsin RtI Center](#) has many wonderful professional development events. If there are instructional coaches in your school, we especially encourage the principal and coaches attend the Leadership and Coaching series together.