

Wisconsin e-Brief for Title I Focus Schools

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

January 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.

Wisconsin Rtl Center:

The only new requirement for the 2015-16 school year is to take the [Rtl Schoolwide Implementation Review \(SIR\)](#). 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 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.

The second date for Indistar monitoring is **January 15!**

By January 15, 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. Indistar will also be monitored on **June 1, 2016**.

Focus Schools Networking Opportunity

As in years past, we hope you will join us for our Focus School networking session on Thursday, February 4, 2016 at the DoubleTree Hotel across the street from the Wisconsin State Reading Association Convention (WSRA). We will network and enjoy refreshments from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. If you plan to attend this networking session, please complete [this registration](#) for every member that plans on attending.

Focus School Networking Session

Across the street from the WSRA annual conference

Thursday, February 4, 2016

5:00 to 6:30 p.m.

DoubleTree Hotel

611 West Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53203

For questions please contact Clara Pfeiffer,
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See you there!

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Professional Development Opportunities to Support your School Improvement Plan

Engaging the Many Facets of Literacy: Wisconsin State Reading Association Conference

Registration is open for the Wisconsin State Reading Association Convention (WSRA). The dates are February 4-6, 2016. Featured speakers include:

Paul Gorski – Addressing Poverty
Chris Tovani – Secondary Literacy
Doug Fischer – Effective Instruction
Decoteau Irby – Race & Culture
Matt Glover – Early Literacy
Michael Fullan – Change Theory

To find out more information about the WSRA conference or to register visit:

<http://www.wsra.org/convention>

School-wide Implementation Review (SIR) Assessment for School Leadership Teams

Learn how to set up, prepare for, and take the SIR. The webinar is March 17 from 1:30 - 2:30 and is titled: School-wide Implementation Review Booster.

Wisconsin Title I Association Conference

Wisconsin Dells, April 7-8, 2016

Wisconsin Math Council Conference

Green Lake, May 4-6, 2016