

Next Indistar Monitoring Date is January 16th

By January 16th, you will again 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 **Submit Required Forms/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 your work is complete and ready for review.

Focus School Grants

Focus School grants were posted to the ESEA application within WISEgrants. Your Focus School grant can be used to cover any professional development related expenses including substitutes. Please verify that your Focus School budget has been submitted and approved so that your school can start submitting claims. Remember, that the grant ends on June 30th and no carryover is allowed.

Wisconsin State Reading Association (WSRA) Convention

Registration is open for the WSRA convention scheduled for February 9-11, 2017. Keynote presenters are Mem Fox, Michael Fullan, and Regie Routman. You can find complete registration and schedule information for convention at <http://www.wsra.org/convention>. Early bird registration rates are available until January 19.

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.

Focus Schools Networking Opportunity!

Please join us for our Focus School networking session on Thursday, February 9, 2017 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel across the street from the WSRA convention. Please follow the link below to register for this session.

<https://goo.gl/forms/nApn5oQeWUTvW43c2>

Refreshments will be provided starting at 4:30 p.m. DPI updates at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend!

ESSA Transition Information

DPI has created a web page to address ESSA transition: <http://dpi.wi.gov/esea/transition>

DPI's ESSA Summary:

<http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/imce/esea/pdf/TitleA-need-to-know.pdf>

U.S. Department of Education's Summary of Final Regulations: for ESSA:

<https://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/essa/essafactsheet1127.pdf>

Indistar News

The Center on Innovations in Learning continues to create great content for Indistar states, districts, and schools. There is an abundance of material available but do not let that scare you away. Each section is short so you can view them as you have time.

For those of you who may be new to Indistar or may need more background, its purpose and features are explained through Power Points:

<http://indistar.org/howto/>

Indistar Training Modules are great for district and school leadership teams. Modules are available as narrated Power Point and video. The modules cover the underlying philosophy of collaborative teams and focus on professional practice. Each module includes follow-up activities: <http://indistar.org/trainingmodules/>

It is also worthwhile to check out Indicators in Action. These modules were created using video of actual principals and teachers demonstrating more than 140 indicators of effective practice, with narration and PD materials. There are 3 courses available: instruction, leadership and community.

<http://www.indistar.org/action/>

Professional Development Opportunities to Support your School Improvement Plan

Wisconsin State Reading Association (WSRA) Convention February 9-11, 2017

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

Wisconsin Title I Association Conference in Wisconsin Dells on April 6-7, 2017.

<https://sites.google.com/site/wisconsintitle1associationwt1a/home/>

Wisconsin Math Council's Annual Conference in Green Lake on May 4-5, 2017.

<http://www.wismath.org/Annual-Conference>

Wisconsin RtI 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.

<http://www.wisconsinrticenter.org/event/all.html>

Wisconsin Statewide Mathematics Initiative

<http://www.wsmi.net/>