

# Wisconsin e-Brief for Title I Focus Schools

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

## March 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. **Principals attend free if a teacher from their school registers!**

Register for the conference here: <http://www.wismath.org/Annual-Conference>

For questions please contact Clara Pfeiffer,  
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**See you there!**

#### 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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## Focus Schools 2016-17

The current Focus School cohort will continue through 2016-17. Focus School requirements will largely remain the same and all schools will receive a \$14,000 grant as long as the school meets the compliance requirements.

## New Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) Grant Opportunity

The APTT Cohort 2 grant will fund up to nine elementary and middle Title I Focus Schools during the 2016-17 school year. Up to \$27,000 in grant funds will be available to each new grantee to implement APTTs, an innovative model garnering national attention, which builds the capacity of educators and families to collaboratively improve student achievement. The grant application, guidelines, and rubric are available on the DPI website at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/focus-schools/academic-parent-teacher-teams>. **Grant applications must be received by April 22, 2016.** If you have further questions regarding this grant opportunity, please contact your Focus School consultant.

## Professional Development Opportunities to Support your School Improvement Plan

### [Wisconsin Title I Association Conference](#)

Wisconsin Dells, April 7-8, 2016

### [Wisconsin Math Council Conference](#)

Green Lake, May 4-6, 2016

### [National Conference on Innovative Schools](#)

Innovative Schools Network, Wisconsin Dells, April 27-29, 2016