

Wisconsin E-Brief for Title I Focus Schools

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

November 2014

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 provides regular e-newsletters to the principals, Indistar Process Managers, and Title I coordinators. We welcome suggestions about topics you would like addressed in future editions.

Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTTs)

The deadline for grant applications for Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTTs) is November 14! For more information, visit our web page: <http://focus-schools.dpi.wi.gov/academic-parent-teacher-teams> or contact Mary Jo Ziegler, Chrishirella Warthen, or Ruth Ann Landsverk.

Wisconsin RtI Center:

<http://www.wisconsinrticenter.org/educators/rti-in-action/self-assessment-tools.html>

We recommend that your staff take the RtI Schoolwide Implementation Review (SIR) on an annual basis so that you can view your school's progress in reading and/or math.

This self-assessment is available through the RtI Center. If you don't have your login information, you can request it [here](#). If you need additional assistance, please contact your [Regional Technical Assistance Coordinator](#).

The next date for Indistar monitoring is **January 15, 2015**.

By January 15, you need to have made progress in **three** active objectives. 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).

If you need personal assistance with your Indistar plan, please contact your DPI Focus School Liaison for assistance.

Indistar Resources

When you need more support while working with Indistar, try checking out these documents on a variety of topics: <http://www.indistar.org/gettingstarted/>

DPI's *Title I Innovation and Implementation Conference II*

Whether you were able to attend or not, check out the resources!

http://focus-schools.dpi.wi.gov/foc_title-i-innovation-and-implementation-conference-ii-2014

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Save the date! Plan to attend a Focus School Literacy Networking Session on Thursday, February 5, in conjunction with WSRA. Appetizers, special guests, and prize drawings, along with focused Literacy sharing will make this an exciting, must-attend event! It will again be held at the Double Tree Hotel across the street from the conference.

- Wisconsin Title I Association, Wisconsin Dells, April 9-10, 2015
- Wisconsin Math Council, Green Lake, May 6-8, 2015
 - <http://www.wismath.org/annual-conference/>

Professional Development Opportunities which may support your school improvement plan:

- Wisconsin Alliance for Cultural and Linguistic Diversity, Edgewood College,
 - WISACALD.org
- Wisconsin Statewide Mathematics Initiative courses,
 - www.WSMI.net
- Wisconsin State Reading Association (WSRA), Milwaukee, February 5-7, 2015
 - <http://www.wsra.org/convention>