

Wisconsin e-Brief for Title I Focus Schools

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

October 2015

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](#).

Please also see the two webinars available for setting up and analyzing your SIR data. They are listed in the professional development listing of this newsletter. The first webinar is October 15th.

Innovation, Implementation, and Sustainability Conference

Monday, October 26 (11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

AND Tuesday, October 27 (8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.)

Best Western Inn on the Waterfront in Oshkosh, WI

The Title I Team is pleased to present our third annual conference for Focus and Priority Schools. The conference will be held on Monday, October 26 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, October 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. We strongly encourage district staff and principals to attend along with teacher leaders so that you can discuss what you are learning and how it might be applied in your school.

- The conference schedule is flexible and you may register for all or part of day one only, day two only, or both days.
- We will use your registration to determine the space needed for breakout sessions and for meal counts, so please only register for the sessions you plan to attend.
- Should your travel plans change, you can amend your registration using the same link until **Friday, October 16**.
- **Celebration and Sharing: Gallery Walk**, Monday afternoon, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Each school is asked to provide a representation of one of their successes in the past three years. Suggestions include but are not limited to: a tri-fold poster, laptop video, poster, still photos, etc.

If you have not already registered, you may do so by [clicking here](#).

As in the past, registration is free and your Focus grant can be used to cover any travel related expenses including substitutes. Because lunch and dinner are provided on day one and breakfast and lunch are provided on day two, you may not claim expenses for those meals. To reserve a room at the conference facility, please contact the Best Western Premier Waterfront Hotel and Convention Center in Oshkosh at (920) 230-1900 and ask for the "Wisconsin DPI Title I Team" conference block.

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The first date for Indistar monitoring was September 30!

By September 30, you needed 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).

Your DPI Focus School consultant is currently reviewing all of the submitted plans and will inform you either that you have met the requirements or that you need additional work entered. Your consultant will also provide some thoughts, questions and suggestions for your continued work. You can find their remarks in Indistar under “coaching comments”.

If you have not yet submitted your Indistar plan, please contact your DPI Focus School consultant for assistance.

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

Notes from the Field

Ideas on Effective Teacher Coaching

Educational coach Andy Mork writes in his blog that in order for instructional coaching to be effective, principals must create the appropriate climate.

Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) are Popping Up Across the U.S.

Focus Schools who received grants to implement APTTs will implement their program across multiple grade levels, and four of the ten schools are implementing schoolwide this fall and spring.

Professional Development Opportunities to Support your School Improvement Plan

Help Struggling Math Students Transform into Math Heroes

The RtI Center is offering a free 8-part series of webinars (participate live or through the archive). Each will be a one-hour session grounded in research and filled with practical examples from Wisconsin schools. For more information or to register go to:

Mathematics Proficiency for Every Student (MPES)

This year's conference theme is *Taking Action* and will focus on the essential elements outlined by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics recent publication, *Principles to Actions: Ensuring the Mathematical Success of All*. The conference will be held October 21-22, 2015 in Green Bay and December 2-3, 2015 in Oconomowoc. Visit <http://www.wismath.org/MPES> for more information and to register.

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[Rtl All Staff Perception Survey Booster](#)

Learn how to set up, collect, and analyze the Wisconsin Rtl Center's All Staff Perception Survey for your school. The webinar is October 15 from 1:30 - 2:30.

[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.

Using PALS to Make Instructional Decisions

PALS and the WI Department of Public Instruction are hosting a symposium focused on using data from PALS to make instructional decisions. This train-the-trainer professional learning opportunity includes breakout sessions about developmental spelling, phonological awareness, progress monitoring, and the relationship between decoding and comprehension. There is no cost for registration, and each district may bring a team of up to four literacy leaders. Participants can attend on November 2 in Wisconsin Dells or on November 4 in Green Bay. Registration and additional information can be found at <http://www.palswisconsin.info/pals-wisconsin-symposium/>.

Engaging the Many Facets of Literacy

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

Join us for our Focus School Networking Session on Thursday afternoon!

To find out more information or to register visit: <http://www.wsra.org/convention>