

Wisconsin E-Brief for Title I Focus Schools

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

September 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.

The first date for Indistar monitoring is coming up on September 30!

By September 30, you will 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 **Required 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 that your work is complete and ready for review.

Indistar will also be monitored on January 15 and June 1, 2016. To review all of the Year 4 Focus School requirements, please see the [Focus School Requirements 2015 -16 PowerPoint](#). This PowerPoint has been uploaded into Indistar and can also be found on the [Focus Schools-Resources](#) web page.

Since this is the fourth year of the cohort, **we are requiring that your staff take the SIR self-assessment through the RtI Center**. You will remember that you took the SIR during the RtI Foundational Overview training during the first year of the cohort. The first SIR set your baseline and any SIR that you have taken since, will show the progress that your school has made. 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](#).

We are recommending, but not requiring, that your staff also take the BoQ this year to measure the school's progress in PBIS. For more information on implementing PBIS and for assessing your school's progress, visit: <http://www.wisconsinpbisnetwork.org/pbis-in-action.html>

If you have any questions, please contact your DPI [Focus School Liaison](#).

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Principals!

If they have not already done so, your Focus School liaison needs to speak with you via phone to go over the requirements for the new school year. We strongly encourage you to have an Indistar Process Manager (IPM) to assist with your Focus School requirements. The IPM is the official record keeper of the school's improvement plan which is housed in Indistar. This position works best if it is a member of your school leadership team. If there are any changes in IPM since 2014-15, please notify your DPI Focus School liaison.

Mark your calendar now!

What: *Third Title I Innovation and Implementation Conference*

When: Monday and Tuesday, October 26-27, 2015

Where: Best Western Inn on the Waterfront in Oshkosh, WI

Registration will be available for Monday only, Tuesday only, or the entire conference.

Monday

11:00-11:30: Registration

11:30-3:45: Lunch and speakers

4:00: Celebration and Sharing: Gallery Walk

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.

5:30-7:00: Dinner and speaker

Tuesday

7:15-8:00: Registration and breakfast

8:00-12:00: Speaker and sectionals

12:00-12:45: Lunch and networking

1:00-3:15: Sectionals

Registration will be emailed to all principals, IPMs, and ESEA Coordinators.

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PBIS: A Values-Based Approach to Discipline

<http://smartblogs.com/education/2015/08/06/a-values-based-approach-to-discipline/>

In this blog post, executive coach and consultant Naphtali Hoff discusses the benefits of a positive approach to student behavior in exploring classroom design and management.

Professional Development Opportunities to Support your School Improvement Plan

Register now for the **Mathematics Proficiency for Every Student (MPES)** conference! 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.

[Wisconsin Rtl 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.

[Wisconsin Statewide Mathematics Initiative](#)

[Edgewood College professional development opportunities](#)