



South Dakota Education Service Agency Region 6 Newsletter

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ESA 6 ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Date: April 27, 2005
Location: Pierre School District Administrative Building
Time: 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM (CST)

Registration and coffee will start at 9:30 AM. The meeting will begin at 10:00 AM. Items to be discussed include the Professional Development Model, MAPLE, TIE Membership Workshops, reports from the Umbrella projects; an update on the Kathy Nunley Workshop, and other topics pertinent to ESA 6 schools. In addition, Mike Stroup will be leading a discussion on a teacher evaluation system. A letter will be sent to all Advisory Council Members providing details of the meeting.

KATHY NUNLEY WORKSHOP

ESA 6 and ENRICH personnel are working with Mary Ellen Johnson, Curriculum Director for the Pierre School District, on the logistics for the August 22, 2005 workshop with Kathy Nunley.

Specific information about registration, lunch, purchase of text materials, and the events of the day will be shared at the April 27th Advisory Council Meeting.

2005 SYSTEMS CHANGE CONFERENCE

The 2005 Systems Change Conference will be held November 6-8, 2005, in Rapid City, South Dakota. Keynote speakers will include Steve Van Bockern, co-author of *Reclaiming our Youth at Risk*; Dawna Markova, editor of *Random Acts of Kindness* and a protégé of Peter Senge; and Mervlyn Kitashima, subject of a 40 year longitudinal study on resilience.

PROJECT ENRICH

Project ENRICH is conducting registration for their upcoming summer professional development opportunities. The courses will be held on-line June 6 - July 3, 2005. The course consists of one face-to-face meeting taking place in Rapid City or Pierre the week of July 11-14, 2005 as well as the online component.

ENRICH is offering four courses:

- *One Size Does Not Fit All: Instructional Strategies for Diverse Classrooms*
- *Moving Every Child Forward: More Instructional Strategies for the Diverse Classroom*
- *Parents Count Too: Developing Partnerships with Parents*
- *Struggling Readers Can Comprehend*

Project ENRICH is also announcing a study group and follow-up course titled *The Student's Brain: A Developmental Perspective* based on Kathy Nunley's brain research and layered curriculum. The online study group will begin on August 8, 2005.

In addition, the course titled, *Instructional Strategies for the Brain Friendly Classroom*, will begin on November 7, 2005.

The course syllabus and registration for each class is located at www.enrich.tie.net or by contacting Jamie Morris at (605) 224-6287 or by email jmorris@tie.net.

CONSOLIDATED APPLICATION

Spring is here and it is time to begin thinking about completing your Consolidated Application - LEA Consolidated Grant Application for Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). More information is available at the DOE's website at <http://www.state.sd.us/deca/Grants/LEAapp/>.

In a recent email to all school districts, the Department of Education announced that Consolidated Application Workshops will be held over the Dakota Digital Network (DDN) on Wednesday, April 27 and Thursday, April 28, 2005. Participants can select to attend on either Wednesday or Thursday morning from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CST) or Wednesday or Thursday afternoon from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CST).

Registration forms for the workshop were attached in the email message.

ESEA staff members completed Consolidated Application Training in February and are available to provide assistance in completing or proofreading your application. If you would like to utilize our services, please contact your ESEA representative.

TECHPATHS AVAILABLE

The South Dakota Department of Education has negotiated a two-year contract with TechPaths. TechPaths is a powerful, user-friendly tool for aligning standards with curriculum maps. The TechPaths system utilizes exclusive templates—embedded in the software—for the design of lessons, assessments, and units. This provides searchable libraries of maps and the associated curriculum design work. The software will be available free to all K-12 South Dakota schools. ESEA staff will be trained in May on the use of TechPaths and will be able to assist schools starting this summer.

ATOMIC LEARNING

At TIE 2005 it was announced that the South Dakota Department of Education has negotiated a one-year contract with Atomic Learning. It is a library of thousands of short tutorials on dozens of software applications focused on answering the common questions teachers, students and anyone else may have when learning software. For more information on Atomic Learning contact Gay Pickner at SD DOE: Gay.Pickner@state.sd.us.

CLASSROOM ASSESSMENT TRAINING

Over the last year a number of South Dakota school districts have engaged in curriculum mapping work. One of the realizations that developed from this process is that educators are seeking more information on the development of "better" classroom assessments. The South Dakota Department of Education has been working with Measured Progress to bring intensive training on classroom assessment to the state. ESEA staff participated in two different training sessions based on the work of Dr. Rick Stiggins and his organization, the Assessment Training Institute (ATI). The workshops focused on the book *Classroom Assessment for Student Learning: Doing It Right - Using It Well* by Rick Stiggins, Judy Arter, Jan Chappuis, and Steve Chappuis. For more information on ATI you can visit their website at: <http://www.assessmentinst.com/>



ESEA staff is willing to discuss customizing assessment workshops, based on the time available in individual schools or districts. Interested schools may contact their ESEA representative.



SUMMER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR SECONDARY MATH TEACHERS

The Center for the Advancement of Mathematics and Science Education (CAMSE) at Black Hills State University was recently awarded a Title II grant to provide professional development for secondary teachers of mathematics within ESA 6 and 7. As part of this project, CAMSE is hosting a weeklong summer institute entitled "Algebra by Inquiry" to be held on the BHSU campus in Spearfish from June 13-17, 2005. Stipends, housing, and meals will be provided.



Steve Benson, a nationally renowned expert on secondary math education from the Education Development Center in Boston, will be facilitating the workshop with support from CAMSE staff. Steve is the lead author of a book entitled *Ways to Think About Mathematics*, which has received rave reviews. This book will serve as the primary text during the week, and each participant will receive a copy. CAMSE is delighted to be able to bring a facilitator of Steve's caliber to facilitate this week.

CAMSE is inviting applications by district teams. While CAMSE is aware that some districts may have only a single teacher who is interested and available they encourage districts to consider a team approach spanning middle and high school levels. A district team may also include administrators or elementary teachers who play leadership roles, but the primary audience is secondary teachers.

Space is limited. CAMSE asks that team members submit individual applications that reference their teammates. Applications can be returned electronically, by mail, or fax.

In addition to attending the summer institute, CAMSE envisions follow-up sessions to be conducted throughout the academic year and possibly during the summer of 2006. The follow-up format is likely to include web-based components, DDN sessions, and/or face-to-face sessions depending on the needs, interests, and availability

of participants. The details of the follow-up will be decided later, but CAMSE asks that applicants commit in concept to participating.

More details and the application form are being forwarded via email and hand delivered to schools by ESA 6 and 7 staff members. You can contact your ESA contact person or feel free to contact Ben Saylor, Director of CAMSE at (605) 642-6874 or by email bensaylor@bhsu.edu. More information about CAMSE's mission and other projects can be found at <http://www.bhsu.edu/camse/>.

PIERRE SCHOOL DISTRICT OPENS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES TO ESA 6 SCHOOLS

Pierre School District has extended an invitation to ESA 6 schools to attend their summer professional development opportunities.

For details contact Jodi Barth at (605) 773-7300 or by email at jodi.barth@pierre.k12.sd.us before May 1, 2005.

CURRICULUM MAPPING GRANTS ANNOUNCED

Forty-three South Dakota school districts were awarded curriculum mapping grants for the 2005-2006 school year. Three districts from ESA 6 received grants in this competition; they were Jones County, Stanley County, and Todd County. The grant provides funds to pay teacher stipends to start the curriculum mapping work during the summer months or to pay for substitute teachers so that classroom teachers can curriculum map during the school year. Schools in the state that were not awarded a grant or did not apply can still receive assistance in the curriculum mapping process from ESA staff.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JONES COUNTY, STANLEY COUNTY AND TODD COUNTY



Three Rivers ESA 6/Project ENRICH in cooperation with Pierre School District Presents

"A Student's Brain: How it Works"

A Regional In-service Program

By Dr. Kathie Nunley



What: A fun and humorous overview of how the brain learns. Based on brain imaging research, Dr. Nunley reviews four key issues of particular interest to educators. Includes simple ways to make teaching more brain-compatible.

When: August 22, 2005

Where: Pierre, SD
(exact times and location to be determined)

Kathie F. Nunley, EdD, delights teachers from around the world with her practical and inspirational solutions to the challenges of today's diverse classrooms. Her popular seminars and workshops combine classroom experience with her current brain-imaging research. A noted speaker at state, national and international conferences, Dr. Nunley is the author of several books and articles on teaching in the mixed-ability classrooms. She is the developer of the Layered Curriculum method of instruction and has spent 15 years as a classroom teacher in both urban and suburban schools.

Kathie Nunley's books, A Student's Brain: The Parent/Teacher Manual and Layered Curriculum can be purchased through: Brains.org or Help4Teachers.com
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