

Sunray ISD
Curriculum, Federal and Special Programs, DTC
Human Resources Director
Pat Armstrong

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To: Board of Trustees and Superintendent

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Re: July, 2015 Report

- 1. Title I and State Compensatory Education** – We ended the year with 240 students who qualified for this program. This number drives our funding for Title 1 and SCE.
- 2. EOC Retest** – we retested the HS students who did not perform well on the spring EOC on July 6-9. Results are due back on the 14th
- 3. Instruction Fusion** – On July 7 and 8, I attended the Instructional Fusion conference at the ESC. I was part of the planning committee and learned a few things that I shared with the staff on student engagement on the 30th. We had 5 Sunray teachers who also attended this conference.
- 4. Rem4ed Conference call and Webinar** – On July 16th, Mr. Thompson and I participated in a conference call with Rem4ed. This is our emergency plan website.
- 5. ESC 16 ESL/Bilingual Institute** – On July 21st, I attended the ESL/Bilingual Institute at the ESC. It was a very good day with lots of thought provoking sessions. We had 4 Sunray teachers who also attended the conference.
- 6. Move to Grade Reporting** – on the 30th, the school secretaries completed the move to the new school year for PEIMS.
- 7. Questioning In-service** – on July 30th, Shona Besselman from the ESC came to Sunray to provide our staff members information on higher order thinking, the new Bloom's taxonomy, and the latest information on Depth of Knowledge. This training should increase the rigor in the classroom necessary to improve student thinking and achievement.
- 8. Sunray Mini-conference** – on July 31st the admin team presented a variety of topics to our staff. Mr. Thompson presented Vocab Rehab, Mrs. Keisling presented writing critically, Ms. Jones presented "Framing the Lesson", Mr. Whiteley presented "Small Group Purposeful Talk" and I presented student engagement (student centered learning).