

Memo

To: Dr. Robey
CC: Board Of Education
Date: March, 2013 (February~2013 Updates)
Re: Monthly Updates on Literacy Practices

Assessments: There were 3 Professional Development sessions with Kim Streen. The K-2 Teachers came and disaggregated the middle of the year (MOY) data and started planning activities that addressed deficiencies identified. All teachers stated they wanted to have more times like this session to really delve deeper into the assessment.

Rising Star Update: Worked with District Leadership Team to work on indicators that needed to be monitored. The meeting was held with Mr. Zeller, from West 40 as well as the District Leadership Team and Ms. Caroline Pate-Hefty (New Special Services Director) at District Office.

Literacy: Continue visiting schools to assist administrators with preparing for the ISAT Assessment (test arrived week of Feb.19th). Each school came over to inventory their test before it was sent out to the individual schools. Worked with Special Education teachers who would be administering the IAA Assessment, along with the PAEC Elementary Principal at St. Domitilla Center.

~Continued working with Ms. Sturgill to get feedback on the District Literacy Coaches who are focusing on K-2 staffs' Literacy Practice.

~Met with Literacy Coaches & Dave Ballard to begin to work on the plans for professional development training for the Readers and Writers Workshop model in the 2013 Summer School (K-4).

~ Title I staff is **team -teaching** with classroom teachers modeling best practice. Providing support to K-2 staff with progress monitoring and implementing ISEL recommendations. Plans are in the works to have a PD session for Principals and Assistants in the Spring before end of the year (EOY) testing begins.

~ **Grants: Title I Grant**-Made adjustments to the amendments for the remaining time of the year. (Future plans to **Finish** all of the Title I and Title IIa reports: Summer School, Curriculum Mapping, adjustments for additional professional development, etc.) Completed the 'Children's Low-Cost Laptop Program' (carry-over funds for the 3 schools ~IRV, LEX &ST). The program will provide resources for these schools-(27 additional laptops).

~ **Common Core Committee:** Plan Common Core presentations for Jr. High Reading /LA Staff (2nd Tuesday of each month). We utilized the Standard Insight Tool to align the curriculum to Common Core Standards. Teachers are working together to fill in the gaps from our current curriculum map and the Common core standard.

~**Spelling Bee:** Gabriel Franco represented District 89 at the South -Cook-ISC Scripps Spelling Bee ~ at Central Middle School in Tinley Park on February 13, 2013. He advanced through several rounds.