

Wisconsin E-Brief for Title I Focus Schools

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

April 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 provides regular e-newsletters to the principals, Indistar Process Managers, and Title I coordinators. We welcome suggestions about topics you would like addressed in future editions.

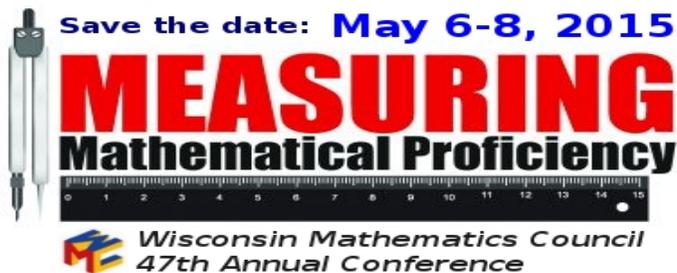
The third deadline for submitting your Indistar plan is June 1, 2015.

By June 1, you need to have made progress in **three** active objectives. 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).

If you need personal assistance with your Indistar plan, please contact your DPI Focus School Consultant. Contact information is listed at the bottom of this newsletter.

Indistar Resources

When you need more support while working with Indistar, try checking out these documents on a variety of topics: <http://www.indistar.org/gettingstarted/>



Focus School Networking Sessions will be held at the Wisconsin Mathematics Council Conference

When: Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Time: 4:15 to 5:15 pm

Location: the Kraft Building (Tower Room)

Network with your Focus School Consultants, enjoy snacks, and receive a free professional development resource!

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Or, look for our table at the Thursday afternoon social! (the Kraft Building dining room) Stop by and connect with your consultant to check-in and share the great work you've been doing in your schools.

Data Digs & School Improvement Planning for Focus Schools - Rescheduled

We plan to reschedule. The data digs will be facilitated by WISExplore Team members from several CESAs along with DPI Focus School Consultants.

Focus School Grant Claims

Be sure that your business office is making claims on your \$14,000 Focus School grant. Funds must be obligated no later than June 30th and claimed by September 30th. Carryover is not allowed.

Wisconsin Rtl Center Film Festival

Do you have a creative video that teaches school-wide or setting-specific positive social or academic behavioral expectations to your students? If so, the Wisconsin Rtl Center wants to share your creative efforts! Videos must be 3 minutes or less. Videos must include school name, district and topic. Videos should connect to schoolwide expectations and culturally responsive themes are encouraged. The deadline to enter is May 15, 2015. Upload your video to Real Player Cloud: <https://cloud.real.com/account/create>. For more details see the [2015 Wisconsin Rtl Center Film Festival](#) guide or visit <http://www.wisconsinrtlcenter.org/>

Academic Parent Teacher Team (APTT) Grant Winners

The Focus Schools participating in the APTT grant had their first training session on March 24-25. They are in the beginning stages of planning their own APTTs and will eventually be available to support other schools that want to implement APTTs.

Professional Development Opportunities which may support your school improvement plan:

- Webinar series: **Leading a Balanced Reading Assessment System, Literacy Assessment That Is Culturally Responsive**. In this webinar, DPI Literacy Consultants explore what it means to be culturally responsive, and share tools for ensuring that your reading assessment system is culturally responsive. Find this episode and additional resources at <https://sites.google.com/a/dpi.wi.gov/lit-live-assessment/home/analyzing-assessment-with-a-culturally-responsive-lens>. Find all episodes in the series at <http://bit.ly/LitAssessment>.
- Wisconsin Math Council, Green Lake, May 6-8, 2015
 - <http://www.wismath.org/annual-conference/>
 - Focus School Networking Session
- Wisconsin Alliance for Cultural and Linguistic Diversity, Edgewood College
 - WISACALD.org

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- Wisconsin Statewide Mathematics Initiative courses
 - www.WSMI.net
 - Summer 2015 Institutes: <http://www.wsmi.net/professional-development/institutes/>
- Quality Educator Convention – Madison, June 17-19
 - http://www.wasda.org/events/event_details.asp?id=602943&group

Focus and Priority Videos are now complete. Please share these with your school level teams, parents and school boards. The two videos are a great resource that highlights the walk required of the identified schools in the state of Wisconsin.

Focus Schools: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KmG7629hang>

Priority Schools: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tPC8wYghKgU>