



SYSTEM OF SUPPORT NEWS

NORTH COOK LEARNING SERVICE CENTER
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“Closing the achievement gap through systemic change”

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GREETINGS!

This is the fourth in a series of newsletters that will highlight upcoming professional development opportunities for schools in our “SoS network” as well as provide you with the latest information about school improvement planning, SoS services, and ISBE updates. Our hope is that this newsletter is useful to you and your colleagues. We are open to your input....feedback, suggestions, ideas, questions, comments.

High School Planning Meeting

On Tuesday, February 16th, North Cook System of Support hosted a planning meeting for area high school principals and central office personnel. Our goal was to have frank conversations among participants centering around their common needs for future services from System of Support. In attendance were 15 people representing ten high schools. During a spirited and wide-ranging discussion, the group identified seven areas of common need, which included such topics as: Differentiated Instruction; Professional Development; Parent Involvement; Assessment; Vertical Articulation; and Climate and Culture.

We are in the process of writing a meeting summary, which will be shared not only with the participants, but also with those colleagues who were not able to attend. Our intent will be to rank these common need topics in priority order, and then to create programming opportunities to meet those needs.

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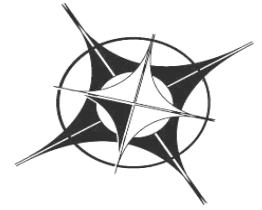
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Upcoming Professional Development Offerings

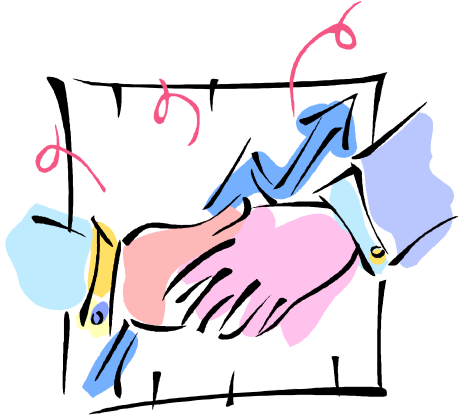
- **High School** Literacy Support Group
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- **PBIS Network**

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“We've Come a Long Way, Partners!”



Our System of Support (SoS) service delivery model has evolved since its inception five years ago. As we’ve developed long-term partnerships with our client schools, the SoS focus has been on assistance, strategies and resources that can bring about systemic change and increase student achievement. One of our goals has been to foster a culture of collaboration and continuous improvement; to that end, SoS has moved away from “one-shot” professional development in favor of customized service and follow-up. In response to our client schools’ stated need for information sharing, we have created elementary, middle and high school networks based on literacy, progress monitoring and student behavior management systems.

System of Support has refined the data analysis process to enable our clients to develop school wide action plans that include instructional programming based on both subgroup and student needs. We encourage monitoring of these programs so as to give our schools a better sense of student progress and program success. This also fulfills our goal of taking a much more active role in the development, implementation and monitoring of School and District Improvement plans.

As we look to the future, we hope to create sustainability by continuing to partner with our clients on professional development that focuses on instructional planning and differentiation; by gauging the needs of clients through needs assessment; and by making better use of client feedback in our self-evaluation process. Even though System of Support has changed, our mission remains the same: “Closing the achievement gap through systemic change”.

Did You Know?

- *All of North Cook LSC’s professional development offerings on the web can be viewed at www.ncisc.org*
- *System of Support now assists ISBE in the monitoring of School and District Improvement Plans*
- *Trained SoS consultants are ready to help if you need assistance with School Improvement Plans or Re-Structuring Plans*
- *SoS has created a new PBIS Network for area schools. See Page 3 for registration details and meeting dates.*
- *SoS sponsors Elementary, Middle and High School Users’ Groups for MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) open to all area schools. See Page 3 for registration details and meeting dates.*

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Networking Opportunities

PBIS Network

February 23, 2010
12:30 pm—3:00 pm

Many schools in the North Cook Service region have already established Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) programs. There has been interest expressed in the formation of a support network. The PBIS Users' Group established by North Cook will provide opportunities for districts, elementary and middle schools in our area to share and to learn from each other. This network is open to PBIS schools as well as those who are interested in learning more about PBIS.

High School Literacy Network

February 25, 2010
8:30 am—11:30 am

The second meeting of the High School Literacy Support Group will be held in Room 201 at North Cook beginning at 8:30 am. Membership is open to all high schools in the North Cook service area. **There is no charge for participation, but space is limited.** We only ask that you fax names of attendees to 847 824-1033 (Attn. System of Support) or call Tony Waser at 847.824.8300 x 249. A light lunch will be provided.

M.A.P. High School Users' Network

February 25, 2010
Noon- 3:00 pm

The High School MAP Users' Group will meet in Room 201 at North Cook beginning at Noon. Membership is open to all high schools in the North Cook service area. **There is no charge for participation, but space is limited.** We ask that you fax names of attendees to 847.824.1033 (Attn. System of Support) or call Tony Waser at 847 824-8300 x 249. A light lunch will be provided.

M.A.P. Middle School Users' Network

April 15, 2010
Noon- 3:00 pm

The Middle School MAP Users' Group will meet in Room 201 at the North Cook offices beginning at Noon. Membership is open to all middle schools in the North Cook LSC service area. **There is no charge for participation, but space is limited.** We only ask that you fax names of attendees to 847 824-1033 (Attn. System of Support) or call Tony Waser at 847.824.8300 x 249. A light lunch will be provided.

M.A.P. Elementary School Users' Network

April 8, 2010
8:30 am—11:30 am

The Elementary School MAP Users' Group will meet in Room 201 at North Cook beginning at Noon. Membership is open to all elementary schools in the North Cook service area. **There is no charge for participation, but space is limited.** We ask that you fax names of attendees to 847.824.1033 (Attn. System of Support) or call Tony Waser at 847 824-8300 x 249. A light lunch will be provided.

