



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 third 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.

NWEA Summer Conference

NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association) held its annual Summer Conference in Portland Oregon from June 30th until July 2nd. This year's convocation of MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) users featured a number of interesting applications of the MAP technology to instructional settings. One of the most unusual and interesting applications was presented by teachers working in the Sacramento County juvenile detention system. It tied the MAP Goals Test to Compass Learning in a quick turn around system that allowed students to immediately focus on specific diagnostic goals tied to lessons from Compass Learning and possibly a program by AZTEC in the future. The concept has great application possibilities to alternative schools attempting to individualize instruction for small numbers of students operating at a wide range of levels. For more information on this application, contact Tom Jackson at tjackson@scoe.net. North Cook LSC's



Middle School Map Users' Group was well represented through a presentation by District 54's Sue Mayernick, Jennie Kottmeier and Mary Botterman that concentrated on techniques for using MAP data to ensure student success at both the middle and elementary levels. Attendees at our Middle School MAP Users' Group (See page 3 for 2009-2010 meeting dates) have already had an opportunity to see some of the applications that Sue showcased in Portland.

Finally, the staff of the Northwest Evaluation Association expressed excitement for and approval of the North Cook System of Support's efforts to sponsor user groups for MAP at the high school and middle school level as this approach is not widespread. Plans are also in the works to gauge interest in forming a North Cook LSC MAP user's group for elementary schools (please refer to page 3 for details).

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Upcoming Professional Development Offerings

- **High School** Literacy Support Group
- **High School** MAP Users' Group
- **Middle School** MAP Networking Group
- **Elementary School** MAP Networking Group

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System of Support Client Survey

For the fourth consecutive year, SoS has conducted our yearly client survey. We want to thank all of those who took the time to respond. Because the survey is four years old, we are able to keep longitudinal data on standard questions concerning such topics as the extent to which we fulfill the mission and vision of SoS, and how SoS activities support desirable educational outcomes. The survey also provides direction for new activities that will reflect your needs and interests.

Did You Know?

- You can view all of North Cook LSC’s professional development offerings on the web at www.ncisc.org
- Trained SoS consultants are ready to help if you need assistance with School Improvement Plans or Re-Structuring Plans
- 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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www.ncisc.org

News from



Illinois State Board of Education

Jesse Ruiz, Board Chair
Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent

How long has it been since you’ve taken a close look at the ISBE website at www.isbe.state.il.us? It has been re-designed for easier navigation. Links on the homepage include such *Hot Topics* as Funding Opportunities; H1N1 Virus Resources; Federal Stimulus/ARRA information; NCLB Waiver notifications.

The homepage also contains Superintendent Koch’s weekly message. To find information about the System of Support (SoS) and the RESPRO organization, click on *Teachers/Administrators*, then *Admin-*

istrator A-Z, then *Grant Info*, and finally *RESPRO Overview*. This page contains links to each of the RESPRO areas as well as Improvement Planning Resources and Tools

Educators may also be interested in the "Teacher A-Z Index", which contains links to everything from certification to instructional information.



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Professional Development

NWEA—Measures of Academic Progress

Middle School Users' Group

October 28, January 28, April 8

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.



High School Literacy Support Group

October 19, December 1, February 25

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.

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For additional information on any of these offerings, please go to our website www.ncisc.org under “teacher workshops”.

Calling All MAP-Using Elementary Schools!

On Wednesday, October 28th, System of Support will kick off an Elementary School MAP Users' Group, which will meet in Room 201 at the North Cook offices from 8:30 am—11:30 am. Participation in this group is open to **all elementary schools** in the North Cook service region. We ask that an administrator attend the first meeting to help plan the schedule, topics and activities for future meetings. There is no charge for attendance at this Users' Group; but space is limited, so registration is required. Please fax names of attendees to System of Support at (847) 824-1033 or call Tony Waser at 847.824.8300 x249.

Karen Osmanski, principal of Rupley Elementary School in District 59, has agreed to facilitate the group. We know that many of the elementary schools in our area are quite proficient at using the MAP tools, while other schools are in the beginning stages or are interested in adopting MAP. We think that this opportunity has something for all of you who are using or interested in using MAP. For the expert, this is a great opportunity to share your insight and pick up new ideas from other practitioners. New users will certainly find good ideas to help you over the initial bumps.