



**educational excellence** through leadership, partnership, and innovation

## **Executive Director's Report**

**January 24, 2013**

### **NEWS**

#### **ScholarPort**

Tuscarora School District will be utilizing ScholarPort the start of the 2013-14 school year. This is the first school district to come on board since our partnership with IU12 in November.

#### **iPad Services**

Commonwealth Connections Academy recently contracted both professional development and technical services for iPad implementation with their staff and students.

#### **AgendaManager**

The enhancements for AgendaManager have been moved to the production website over the Holiday break. Users received release notes and what has changed for them specifically. We are continuing to work on the iPad app and performance enhancements.

#### **CAIU Preschool**

The Bureau of Early Intervention Services released the results of the 2011-12 Family Survey. The CAIU Preschool Program was rated at higher satisfaction levels than the state-wide average in every category. Some categories included were involving families in their child's education, keeping them informed of programs and procedures, helping them access community resources, getting involved with typical peers and their impression of our cultural competency, dependability and honesty.

#### **CAIU Speech and Language**

The American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) has approved the CAIU as a ASHA Approved Continuing Education Provider for another 5 years. Dr. Shelly Chabon, president of ASHA, states that, "We are pleased to welcome Capital Area Intermediate Unit as a continuing ASHA Approved Provider ... their organizational process and courses were reviewed by our experts in continuing education to ensure the highest possible standards are met." Thank you to Ann Bailets, program supervisor, for her work in completing the application and meeting the ASHA requirements!

#### **House Republican Education Staff**

Alicia McDonald, CAIU Director of Student Services and the Executive Directors from Lincoln and Berks IU met with Dave Transue (formerly with Senator Piccola, now Speaker Smith's senior education advisor), Karen Seivard (formerly counsel to Senator Piccola and now senior legal counsel to House Republican leadership) and Kevin Roberts (research assistant for the House republican education committee). The legislators requested the meeting so they could further understand the costs of special education as it relates to Charter Schools.



**educational excellence** through leadership, partnership, and innovation

### **Student Teacher Training**

During the month of January, all college students who will be student teaching in CAIU school districts this semester completed two full days of training provided by CAIU trainers. Approximately 190 student teachers from all of the local colleges/universities participated in the training.

## **RECOGNITION**

### **CAIU Speech/Language Pathologists**

Six CAIU Speech/Language Pathologists will be serving as Cooperating Clinicians for three graduate students from East Stroudsburg, Misericordia, and Bloomsburg Universities. Our staff's commitment to the continuing development of new staff is valued and appreciated; thank you to Rich Marlin, Julie Bristol, Andrea Kimmel, Sharon Kello, Mary Jane Fledderjohn and Meghan Harvey.

## **NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES**

- In keeping with our **External Communication Plan** the CAIU cabinet will be meeting with eight of our school districts' cabinets. So far we have met with members of the Susquehanna Township School District, Mechanicsburg School District and the Shippensburg School District cabinets.
- Cindy Mortzfeldt, Assistant Executive Director and I attended the ***Greenwood School District and the Steelton-Highspire Board of Directors' meetings*** where we presented information on CAIU.
- In complying with Act 141 the Intermediate Unit appointed several members to the **Harrisburg Financial Recovery Advisory Committee**. I am representing the IU on this committee. We had our first meeting this month.
- I attended the **Central Region PAIU Executive Directors meeting** in State College this month.

## **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

- **January 29, 2012** - The CAIU Winter Social will be held at the Enola Offices on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. This event is free to all CAIU employees. Board Members are invited to attend.