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Acting Executive Director's Report August 25, 2011

NEWS

On Thursday, August 11, Comcast provided a presentation regarding their Internet Essentials program, which provides low-cost broadband internet to lower-income families.

Benefits of the Program

- Family receives broadband connection for 9.95+tax per month
- Families don't have to pay any installation, activation or equipment rental fees
- Family is eligible for a low-cost computer for \$150+tax
- The student and family can receive free Internet training (safety, internet use)
- As an Xfinity customer, family receives Norton Internet Security Suite free

Limitations of the Program

- Only students who participate in the free lunch program are eligible
- The family cannot have had Internet service through Comcast in the last 90 days.
- It is only available to families who live within a Comcast service area.

Additional information can be found at www.internetessentialspartner.com.

CAIU staff in our school-age programs returned this week. Program meetings are being held throughout this week. CAIU staff providing services for preschool children return for their beginning of year program meeting during the week of August 29. During this time, I visit each program meeting to greet and express gratitude to our employees.

Our curriculum services team staff provided two-day sessions (August 23-24 and 25-26) on High Impact Strategies to pre-service teachers who will be student teaching in our area school districts this fall. These two-day sessions provide participants with in-depth knowledge of research-based high-impact strategies to improve student achievement that support Learning Focused Schools. More than 100 pre-service teachers participated in these two training opportunities.



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NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Brian Griffith, Karen Ruddle, and I met with Dr. David Reeder, the new superintendent of Camp Hill School District, to review CAIU services available to his district.
- The CAIU continues to provide training for new federal program coordinators. I met with PDE staff and representatives from other IUs and school districts from across PA to plan the fall New Federal Program Coordinators' training session.
- Our summer preschool classes concluded on August 4. I attended the preschool graduation in Heather Donovan's classroom at Carroll Elementary.
- Several members of the CAIU Safety Team and I participated in the Cumberland County Safe Schools Presentation—"School Violence-An Experience You Will Not Forget" at Bellaire Elementary, Carlisle Area SD. This simulated incident provided an opportunity to experience the actions, events, sounds, and emotions that may occur during a school shooting.
- Earlier this month I attended the first session of the PASCD Supervision Academy. This Act 45 course targets educators who have an interest in promoting teacher growth through the supervisory process.

I am very grateful to each of you for giving me the opportunity to lead the Capital Area Intermediate Unit during this past year. I look forward to continuing our work together as we achieve educational excellence with families, schools and communities through leadership, partnership and innovation.

Please note: I will be out of the office on Tuesday, August 30. I am traveling out of the area to take my daughter back to college.