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NEWS

On July 13, Cabinet members attended a regional Leadership Workshop along with administrative teams from several of our districts. The purpose of this workshop was to help leaders understand their leadership style and to consider the impact of one's personality on the leadership culture within an organization. On July 14-15, the Cabinet members met off site for a two day retreat at the home of one of our directors. Key activities included a review and reflection of the organizational goals, review of projected revenue and expenditures for the 2011-12 General Operating Budget, follow-up discussion about what we learned at the previous day's leadership workshop and how our leadership style affects our interactions with others, and review of the services provided by each team.

The CAIU was the host site for the third PowerSchool Mini Camp during the week of July 11-15. This year's event was planned and implemented by PowerSchool Solutions, a consortium with Capital Area IU (CAIU), Carbon Lehigh IU (CLIU) and Montgomery County IU (MCIU), offering PowerSchool Services such as training, support, and users groups across the Commonwealth. Two trainers each from MCIU and CLIU along with Brian Decker, Todd McConnell and Areil Sutton from the CAIU facilitated the seventeen sessions offered. There were sixty-eight participants representing twenty-five different school districts within Pennsylvania and one school district within New Jersey. This mini camp provides a low cost alternative to PowerSchool University, which is a 4 day training offered by Pearson, costing nearly \$8,000 per person.

We welcome two new superintendents to the CAIU region; Dr. Richard Faidley is the new superintendent at Derry Township School District, and Dr. David Reeder is at Camp Hill School District. The CAIU will coordinate a retirement dinner for our 2011 superintendent retirees, Dr. Linda Brewer and Ms. Connie Kindler, in September.

The 15th Annual CAIU Champions for Children Golf Tournament was held on Tuesday, July 26 at the Cumberland Golf Club in Carlisle. This year nearly 20 teams participated in the tournament. This tournament continues to be successful because of the dedication of the golfers, many sponsors/donors, and volunteers who share their time and talents. In the end, many people have a great time but the ones who truly benefit are the children faced with unique challenges and special needs whose needs are met

with the funds raised through the generosity of others. Thank you to all who participated this year.

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

PA Hybrid Learning Initiative Seminar – attended this seminar at Harrisburg University along with Mark Hennes and Holly Brzyski and representatives from two of our districts. The goal of this seminar was to define hybrid learning and to see the impact of hybrid learning in existing schools across the country.

Brian Griffith and Kathleen Eich were the presenters at the 13th Annual Title I Nonpublic Assessment Conference. The focus areas for this year's conference included the transition to the new Common Core Standards, how schools should align curricula and assessments to the new standards, and a follow-up on how to help struggling learners by using Response to Instruction and Intervention (RtII). Participants included educators from the Diocesan schools across Pennsylvania.

The CAIU is hosting the Summer Institute 2011 from August 8-12. This week long institute will feature a variety of trainings, breakout sessions, and keynote speaker, Dr. Gina Scala, a professor and Chair of the Special Education/Rehabilitation Department at East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania. This institute is open for CAIU staff and teachers and administrators in the CAIU region and beyond.

Currently, the Extended School Year and Preschool classes are being held. The school age staff will be returning for opening week program meetings during the week of August 22. After a brief break in August, the preschool staff returns on August 29.