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Substitute Executive Director's Report August 26, 2010

NEWS



The CAIU held a retirement dinner for superintendents on Wednesday, August 4 at **The Cellar** in Camp Hill. Retiring superintendents during 2010 were Mary Kay Durham (Carlisle Area SD) and Joseph Hood (Mechanicsburg Area SD).

During the first two weeks in August, students moving into second and third grades who received Reading services in nonpublic schools were eligible to attend a Jump Start Reading Program held at two of our nonpublic schools. Five Reading Specialists from the Nonpublic School Services program planned and provided the instruction. This was the first year a summer program was provided for our nonpublic school students. More than 30 students from ten nonpublic schools attended the program.

For a second year, we have decided not to hold an All-Staff Opening Day, but will have an All-Staff End of Year Celebration on May 6, 2011. Beginning of the year program meetings are held throughout this week and next week. During this time, I visit each program meeting to greet and express gratitude to our employees.

CAIU 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.

During the 2009-10 school year, our Leadership Team read Leadership Courage: Leadership Strategies for Individual and Organizational Success. On August 17, the Leadership Team attended a session on Ethical Leadership, presented by Christopher Bauer, as a concluding activity for our book study. The presentation focused on principles that inspire ethical decision making across all levels of an organization.



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UPDATES

Capital Region Partnership for Career Development – On August 23, 2010, the Partnership received the tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions, gifts, and bequests to the Partnership can now be tax deductible.

Champions for Children – The annual golf tournament was held on July 27 and netted approximately \$6,000. These funds help to carry on the CAIU's Champions for Children Educational Foundation's mission of supporting the needs of CAIU-served students when other funding is not available.

PA Institute for Instructional Coaching (PIIC) - For a second year, the CAIU is one of nine IUs providing mentoring for instructional leaders and instructional coaches. This initiative, PA Institute for Instructional Coaching (PIIC), is a partnership funded through PA Department of Education and the Annenberg Foundation. Nancy Neusbaum, one of the CAIU's curriculum specialists, provides the mentoring services for administrators and instructional coaches from our local school districts.

NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES

- Met with new superintendent, Norman Shea (Newport SD) and am scheduled to meet with additional superintendents within the next few weeks.
- 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.
- Attended Dauphin County Safe Schools meeting. Representatives from public school districts and nonpublic schools in Dauphin County have partnered with county emergency and mental health responders to complete emergency planning and training with school personnel.