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## Substitute Executive Director's Report September 23, 2010

### NEWS



On September 9th, US Representative Todd R. Platts, Pennsylvania 19th District, met with CAIU staff and the superintendents and curriculum directors from nine districts to discuss education issues and policy. The topics included the positive and challenging lessons learned from the No Child Left Behind Act, the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, and the impact of federal education policies at the local level. Congressman Platts welcomed the opportunity to hear from the educational leaders in the room and expressed his sincere appreciation for the work that educators do every day to shape the future of our community and nation.

The Superintendents and AVTS Directors attended the first CAIU Superintendents' Advisory Council meeting for the new school year. The CAIU also hosts other advisory groups for the school district staff. The Curriculum Advisory Council, facilitated by Brian Griffith, the Technology Advisory Council, by David Martin, the Special Education Advisory Council, by Alicia McDonald, and the Human Resources Advisory Council, by Theresa Kinsinger meet on a regular basis throughout the school year. These advisory groups provide opportunities for school district staff to network with others from across the CAIU region.

One hundred thirteen participants completed training on September 13-15 through our Guest Teacher Program. Those who successfully complete the training, paperwork, and all required clearances are qualified to substitute teach in any subject area in the participating public school districts. These participants are trained in classroom management, educational laws, the art of teaching, professionalism, and special education related issues. In addition to these newly trained Guest Teachers, the CAIU has received 462 renewals for previously trained Guest Teachers to continue substitute teaching in our districts.

Capital Area Online Learning Association (CAOLA) – Participation in our online learning option has significantly increased over the last several months. Currently, there are 1,184 students taking 3,060 courses. Fifty of these students are full-time cyber students.



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## **NOTIFICATION OF ACTIVITIES**

- Met with several new superintendents, Paul Caputo (Upper Dauphin SD), Dr. Mark Leidy (Mechanicsburg Area SD), Dr. Sybil Knight-Burney (Harrisburg SD), and Dr. Audrey Utley (Steelton-Highspire SD) this month.
- Compiled Federal Programs data and met with Jesse Fry, Regional Federal Programs Coordinator, to complete the CAIU's monitoring process as required for Federal Programs. Monitoring is completed on a three-year cycle. Programmatic review was completed for Title IIA funds and fiscal review involved Title IA, Title ID, Title IIA, Title IID, and Title III. Bobbi Ely, Lead Accountant, provided key fiscal information as requested.
- Provided New Federal Programs' Coordinators training on behalf of PDE's Division of Federal Programs for 45 coordinators within the Central Pennsylvania region.
- Attended "Leadership for Teaching" an Act 45 course for educational leaders, available through Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA). Five sessions will be held through the 2010-11 school year. The course focuses on teaching, instruction, and resiliency
- Initial planning meeting was held with CAIU Directors and Business staff to begin the development of 2011-2012 General Operating Budget