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FOCUS: ACTION PLANS

The end of this school year is quickly coming to a close and I am sure all of your schools are involved in Spring Testing and planning for the upcoming year. Between testing and Spring break, I know that it has been difficult to bring teams together to plan. However, I have spoken with many of you via phone and email over the last week and there seems to be a real feeling of excitement and accomplishment as you see your Action plans taking shape and can actually see "where you are headed."

As you know the Summer Academies (training) will be taking place July 8,9,10,11 and that is when you will have the opportunity to learn of even more interventions

that can be used as you implement your plan. It is your plan that is driving the Summer Academy. Next week you will be hearing more about the Summer training as details are finalized.

I sent out an email last night to clarify Lois Myer's Illuminate Session on Action Plans. I hope everyone understands that this is just another "tool" that you might use as you continue to refine your Action Plans. It was in no way meant to imply that you needed to change your plan to look like the School Improvement plan. However, as you continue to move forward in this initiative you may find that your Action

plan and your School Improvement plan are closely aligned and you might find some of her information useful.

By April 15th, I would like for each Coach to submit their updated Action Plans. That will give me a day to review prior to the April 16th Illuminate Session. During the session I plan to share several of the plans with you and open the session for discussion regarding the plans. Which brings me to another topic concerning the Illuminate Sessions. Those of you that have your microphones up and working have really made the sessions so much more interactive. Laura Brown made sure that all coaches received quality headphones with the attached microphone.

Let's all try to have them up and running by the 16th. I am looking forward to sharing some of the plans as the Coaches suggested.



IMPORTANT DATES!

Mar. 31, 2008– March Activities Logged In

April 15, 2008–Action Plan due to Faith (Submit electronically just for review)

April 16-, 2008 Illuminate Session (2:00-3:00) Action Plan Sharing

April 22-23, 2008 Coaches training in Cleveland, GA. (Apr. 22 @10:00; Apr. 23 @8:30)

MAY 1, 2008-FINAL ACTION PLAN DUE

NOTE!

The website for coaches can be found at www.pioneerresa.org. Please check frequently; we are continuously adding updates as we listen to your suggestions

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What Works Clearing House report on
JOBSTART Intervention

New for March 2008: The WWC Releases JOBSTART Intervention Report

The What Works Clearinghouse (WWC), a central and trusted source of scientific evidence for what works in education, has released a new report in the area of dropout prevention. Find out how the WWC rated JOBSTART, an alternative education and training program. JOBSTART is designed to improve the economic prospects of young, disadvantaged high school dropouts. For a complete listing of all dropout interventions the WWC has reviewed, please visit this website:

<http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/reports/topic.aspx?tid=06>

The WWC provides education consumers with high quality reviews of the effectiveness of educational interventions. As the WWC continues its work to connect educators with the tools needed to make informed decisions, please visit our website at <http://www.whatworks.ed.gov/> and check your inbox for updates and new releases throughout the year.

Links to relevant websites:

JOBSTART Intervention Report:

<http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/reports/dropout/jobstart/>

WWC Dropout Interventions:

<http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/wwc/reports/topic.aspx?tid=06>

WWC:

<http://www.whatworks.ed.gov/>

The What Works Clearinghouse Team

APRIL 22 & 23 CONTENT ENHANCEMENT TRAINING

Upcoming will be the Content Enhancement training on April 22 and 23 at Pioneer RESA in Cleveland. Kathy Gast will be the presenter. She is gearing her presentation to us, as Collaboration Coaches, knowing that we will not actually be implementing the strategies but will serve as support for those schools that may want to implement Content Enhancement strategies. She has asked that if you have access to any of your

schools content curriculum guides or unit plans to please bring those to the training sessions.

I am trying to get something worked out that would be a little "special" for us, but I won't know for sure until next week. If "it" doesn't work out then I will get a list of available lodging near Cleveland (probably in Helen) and perhaps those of us that want to can plan to have dinner at one of the nearby restaurants

You will probably be hearing from Kathy Gast in the next few weeks regarding the Content Enhancement Session. She has everyone's email address.

Remember that we agreed to begin on April 22 at 10:00 and April 23 at 8:30.



**AS YOU CAN SEE; OUR TEAMS
CONTINUE TO WORK HARD!**

THANKS JOYCE AND MURRAY COUNTY