

BOCES Curriculum and Instruction Council November 15, 2012

Précis

Updates

SED updates [November](#)

- Special note: A message from the Office of Assessment that has the information about the calculator change in writing: “The guidelines for calculator use have recently changed. Students in Grades 6-8 will be permitted to use a calculator on Book 2 and Book 3 of the Grades 6-8 Mathematics Tests; calculators will not be permitted on Book 1.”

ITD (CNYRIC)

- Rob Leo reviewed the [ITD website](#), including information about [impending PD](#) and [resources](#) for teachers.

Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment (CIA)

- Here’s the CI&A professional development [schedule](#) for the next couple of months:
 - ELA Leadership Network – Next meeting December 10th
 - CCLS for ELA: Instructional Shifts for Literacy – December 14th
 - Effective Teaching in the 21st Century- January 4th
 - Cognitive Engagement-January 4th
 - Developing Collaborative Groups Using the Adaptive Schools Framework- Begins January 8th
 - Students from Poverty- January 11th
 - Vocabulary Strategies (Grades 4-12)- January 16th
 - Use of Data: Making Instructional Decisions- January 22th
 - Project Based Learning- Begins January 24th
 - Meeting Needs of Diverse Learners from Just ASK- Begins January 30th
- Lynn’s visits to districts to discuss your needs are underway.

Teacher Centers

- The CNY/Oswego Teacher Center is [seeking](#) teacher volunteers to facilitate teacher discussion sessions.
- The Cortland and Cincinnatus Teacher Centers will be conducting 3-8 Assessment Training sessions, get-to-know the curriculum modules from SED sessions, and a Saturday unit planning session for the winter.

Instructional Support’s use of social media

- In the future, ISS will use *EdMailer* to manage [signing up](#) for the weekly blast and other new “blasts” to come from ISS departments and services
- Instructional Support’s [group blog](#)
- Instructional Support’s [Facebook](#)
- Instructional Support’s [Twitter](#)

Race To The Top

Standards

- More Six Shifts for **ELA/Literacy** posters were distributed to Network Team districts.
- It looks like we will host the University of Arizona Common Core **Math** Institute
 - March 1-3 (Friday Night, Saturday, Sunday)
 - For the Northeast
 - Doubletree
 - Bill McCallum-led
 - Plenary and grade-band sessions
 - Participants do work and
 - Create shared products
 - Cost structure
 - 250 seats total - cost through Arizona \$400
 - CNY Teacher Center subsidizing 100 seats to \$200
 - OCM NT paying that remaining \$200 for two “free” seats per NT district
 - Cortland Teacher Center subsidizing some additional to \$0 for their districts
 - Cincinnati Teacher Center would subsidize 5 for Cincy to \$0
 - Translates to approx. 50 seats at \$200 for components, if want to send above the 2
 - A special system for district to identify attendees for their “free” seats and other seats will be sent directly to BCIC representatives
- Jeff gave a book talk about the book *Common Core Mathematics Standards: Transforming Practice Through Team Leadership*. The slides he used are embedded in the BCIC slides for this meeting. Network Team districts were provided with a copy of the book. The leadership team steps described in the book can be applied to any discipline.
- Jeff also mentioned a new series from Solution Tree and NCTM: *Common Core Mathematics in a PLC at Work*. Note: a set of all five books has been order for all the Network Team districts with intended distribution at the December BCIC meeting.
- The newest information about the **Next Generation Science Standards** is that we'll see the draft (with its substantial number of changes) in January with finalization scheduled for March.

Data-Driven Instruction

- The “lessons” have been prepared for the development of systems of common formative/interim assessments which can be delivered by OCM BOCES, turn-keyed by you, or used in some other way. Contact Lynn Radicello if you want to arrange for this in your district. It will help you move the focus from SLOs to the common interim assessments as well as prime the pump for the unit design/redesign work that has to happen.

Culture

- We continued the discussion about the idea of another PLC at Work Summit, this time a hybrid event. In a hybrid event:
 - Keynotes are streamed live and presenters would respond to our questions
 - One breakout would be streamed, second would be recorded (both facilitated)
 - We could run our own breakouts, too
 - \$225+ for two-day event (+ is for facilities, food, and additional facilitator); all-told would probably be in the neighborhood of \$300

- July 17-19, July 24-26, or August 5-7 are the sessions that are available for the hybrid format
- In December this will come up for further discussion. Please think about it in the meantime and be prepared to discuss and tell Jeff what he should do next with the idea.

Long-term planning for RTTT (and example plan)

- During their recent visit, the Commissioner and Deputy asked how districts were doing with their implementation of Race To The Top. We shared with them that we've been trying to develop long-range plans for implantation.
- Our [example of a plan](#) has been shared statewide and is being used in many places; it seems to be a helpful starting point for districts.

Assessment

3-8 Regional Assessment Planning and Preparation

- Lynn Radicello started us on our 3-8 regional scoring preparation
 - We sat in our 3-8 scoring clusters and worked through the [suggestions](#) CI&A presented
 - The feedback from the clusters will be reviewed by CI&A; Lynn will send out a summary prior to next BCIC meeting

Regents Scoring

- Interested districts discussed how it might work
- We think we would start the scoring in the next "half-day" segment following each exam; it is possible that scoring could carry over into a following day
- We will check with SUNY and TC3 for a possible Cortland location
- The RIC said we could scan from the site with a dedicated copier and unhindered access to the Internet
- We would need people from the districts without a vested interest to verify the fastscore
- A Google doc will be set up – districts will enter the number of January and June tests that will be scored regionally.
- The Google doc will also have a place in it where districts identify possible trainers for the different exams
- At the December meeting plans will be finalized based on this information

Future Meeting Planning

The next BCIC meeting is December 20, 2012, in the Distance Learning Center.

- Immediately after the BCIC meeting the Regional Regents scoring group will meet again.