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This newsletter is designed to provide you with updated information and valuable resources regarding the Connecticut Accountability for Learning Initiative (CALI).

I. Bureau of Accountability and Improvement Updates
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Certification Registration: As of August 1, the CSDE will require districts to submit an application to send their staff to Data Driven Decision Making/Data Teams (DDDM/DT), Effective Teaching Strategies (ETS), Common Formative Assessment (CFA) and Improving School Climate (ISC) Certification Trainings. The following procedure will be used to approve these applications:

1. The applicants go through the registration process as normal but are placed in a provisional status (they receive an e-mail saying they are not registered until their application has been approved).
2. At the end of the registration process, they are linked to the application form to fill out and submit to Iris White.
3. Iris White reviews the application process and approves (they are moved from the provisional status to the registration list and receive a confirmation) or denied (they are removed from provisional status and sent an e-mail saying their application has been denied).

Conferences Page: The bureau has developed a Web page to advertise conferences that the bureau is helping to sponsor. These conferences include:

[15th Annual New England Conference on Multicultural Education Conference](#), October 14, 2010, Hartford Farmington Marriott, Farmington, CT. For more information, contact Dr. William Howe: william.howe@ct.gov.

[State Education Resource Center's \(SERC\) Paraprofessional as Partners Conference](#), October 26, 2010, Crowne Plaza, Cromwell, CT. For more information, contact Stefanie Carbone, Consultant, SERC, carbone@ctserc.org.

Data Team Videos: The CSDE in collaboration with SERC, is producing three videos to assist teams with implementing the data team process. The Instructional Level Data Team will feature a third grade instructional data team from North St. Elementary School in Greenwich; the District Data Team video will feature New Haven Public Schools and the School Data Team video will feature Bristol Central High School. These videos will be used for training and technical assistance purposes and will be available for download in the fall from the SERC Web site: www.ctserc.org or by calling the Bureau of Accountability and Improvement at 860-713-6760.

Desktop Reference Guides: The three CALI desktop reference guides: Data Driven Decision Making (DDDM), Data Teams (DT) and Scientifically Research-Based Interventions (SRBI), and Making Standards Work (MSW), now Engaging Classroom Assessments (ECA), have been revised and are now available for download on the CSDE Web site:
<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/cwp/view.asp?a=2618&q=321744>.

Summer Certification Training: The following trainings have been scheduled for summer 2010. Registration is now available at www.sdecali.net.

Effective Teaching Strategies (ETS) Certification	August 16-18, 2010	CES, Trumbull
Improving School Climate Basic	August 12-13, 2010	CREC Coltsville, Hartford

II. Module Updates:

DDDM and DT Recertification: A recertification session has been scheduled for certified DDDM/DT trainers, on November 9 and 10, 2010 at Rensselaer, Hartford. The goal of this session is to recertify participants in DDDM/DT by deepening trainer content knowledge and revisions to training materials. Participants must submit an application form to attend. Registration will be available starting August 1st.

Engaging Classroom Assessments (ECA): The Leadership and Learning Center will offer a Making Standards Work (MSW)-ECA “crosswalk” webinar of September 9, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. ET. The purpose of this hour long webinar will be to introduce participants to the content of the newly revised ECA training and outline its differences with the old MSW training materials. Please email Iris White, iris.white@ct.gov, to register.

Scientific Research-Based Interventions (SRBI): SRBI and Math Conference: *2nd Implementing SRBI in the Mathematics Classroom* conference on **Tuesday, September 28, 2010, at the Crowne Plaza in Cromwell, CT from 8:00-3:30**. Registration is available on the SERC website: www.ctserc.org. Teams of district leaders will have the opportunity to gather information and tools to support the implementation of SRBI in the mathematics classroom.

Concurrent sessions have been designed to cover content areas that focus on developing the infrastructure necessary to expedite implementation of SRBI; practitioners at both the elementary and secondary levels will share strategies and tools they are currently using. Exhibitors whose products are used by Connecticut districts will be on hand to provide additional information.

SRBI Training Revisions: The SRBI Core Team of the Bureau of Accountability and Improvement with assistance from SERC and EASTCONN revised the SRBI Trainings to better meet the needs of schools and districts as they work to implement the SRBI framework. The descriptions for these revised trainings are below. The PowerPoint presentation and other training materials will soon be available for download on the CSDE SRBI page: www.ct.gov/sde/SRBI. Registration is available at www.sdecali.net.

Basic Training: This training will provide participants with a basic foundational overview of SRBI. It is designed for participants who have no or limited knowledge of SRBI. The learning objectives for this one day training are:

- develop a common understanding of SRBI;
- identify quality instructional practices;
- define what Tier II and III supplemental instruction looks like;
- practice data driven decision making; and
- design possible solutions to address student needs in your classroom.

Completion of Basic Training is not a prerequisite to attend Implementation Training.

Implementation of SRBI: The purpose of this training is to help participants gain a practical understanding of the SRBI Framework and its implementation through reading, reflection and interactive activities.

During this two day training, participants will:

- experience the implementation of SRBI;
- use assessment data to make decisions;
- understand how district, school and instructional data teams relate to the SRBI Framework;
- learn successful SRBI implementation practices from local practitioners; and
- understand the various factors that influence the successful implementation of SRBI.

III. Leadership and Learning Center Update

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The summer brings personal vacations and professional projects for educational leaders! One of my projects is reexamining all cogs in the “certification wheel.” As the Director of Certification, I am pleased to announce the following updates to The Leadership and Learning Center’s Certification Program.

1. We will use new terminology effective July 1, 2010, because of certification redesign and Doug Reeves’ 2010 publication, *Transforming Professional Development into Student Results* (specifically Chapter 10 Beyond “Train the Trainer”). For example, Certified Trainer will become Certified Instructor.
2. Certifications will focus on mastery of content and successful implementation.
3. The Certification Program will use Survey Monkey to administer pre-certification questionnaires.
4. Certified Instructors will receive the following resources:
 - LLC flash drives with lanyard with electronic documents and resources;
 - One year subscription to the Marshall Memo to provide them with the latest research and content support distributed by Lisa Almeida;
 - Certification Guide (*Similar to a Teacher’s Edition with a thumbnail version of the corresponding training manual(s); and
 - A training manual will be given only if the content has been updated, such as Data Teams, 3rd edition.

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