

Listserv Email: August 6, 2010

It's been a busy time with announcements regarding i3 grants and Race to the Top and I'm sure that everyone is ready for the weekend. To start it off right, I'm sending some leadership materials and information.

i3 Grants Update: Unfortunately, we did not receive any of the three i3 grants that we were partnering with – SAMs, LPPW, and Georgia Leadership Institute for School Improvement (GLISI). The press release announcing the i3 recipients can be found at: <http://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/nations-boldest-education-reform-plans-receive-federal-innovation-grants-once-pr> as well as details for next steps forward with the i3 grants. We will be working with each of our i3 partners to seek out other external funding for our innovative ideas and will keep you updated on progress that we make.

Illinois Economic Recovery Commission Report: A report has been issued by the Illinois Economic Recovery Commission (see <http://www2.illinois.gov/economy/Documents/Economic%20Recovery%20Commission%20Report.pdf>). Several of its education-based recommendations acknowledge our work, including the recommendation to “replicate the Chicago Public Schools’ principal eligibility and selection process in other districts statewide” and to “expand the School Administration Manager Project, with the goal of placing SAMs in all high-need schools”.

National Board Certification for Principals Pilot Program: NBPTS is still accepting applicants for a nation-wide field test of program components over an 18-month period. Any current Illinois principal with a minimum of three years experience as a principal is eligible to participate. Interested principals should visit <http://www.nbptsprincipals.org/> and click on *Register to Participate*. A *Frequently Asked Questions* page can also be accessed at this site. After providing basic contact information, the interested principal will receive an application form and more detailed information about the program. Selection of pilot participants will be done by Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and NBPTS. Registration to participate does not guarantee selection in the pilot.

Timely Leadership Materials – The following are some timely resources to our work in Illinois:

- Attached (see first attachment) is a recent presentation by Richard Laine to the Chief Council of State School Officers on how to better align K-12 and postsecondary systems around leadership preparation and development.
- Attached (see second attachment) is a write up by SREB on Tennessee’s work around principal preparation reform. The write-up includes many examples of how this RTTT-funded state worked around some of the challenges that we are currently discussing right now in Illinois, including the principal internship model.
- A recent article in Education Week outlines several examples across the nation targeted at developing leaders for rural areas:
 - <http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2010/08/04/37rural.h29.html?tkn=TNBFVuPmw8mnFfPWIOw%2Bk5AJfCsf1XEpl1Mc&cmp=clp-ecseclips>

- Another article looks at education reform from the principal's perspective (see <http://www.tcrecord.org/content.asp?contentid=15277>)