

Listserv Email: December 13, 2010

Hopefully you survived the winter storm yesterday and are braced for the cold weather we'll have this week. To provide some reading while you are cooped up, the following are some materials and information that may be of interest.

New Principal Mentoring Provider Application and Process: I learned at a meeting last week that IPA annually accepts applications for organizations interested in serving as providers for the statewide new principal mentoring program. Applications should be submitted to IPA (Attention Dick Spohr) and must be received by March 1st. Universities, regional offices of education, school districts, and other organizations are eligible to serve as providers if they meet the state's guidelines. To learn more about this process, see http://ilprincipalmentoring.org/mentoring_providers/index.html. The rules for the new principal mentoring program can be found at: <http://www.isbe.net/rules/archive/pdfs/35ark.pdf>

Principal Preparation Redesign Rules: The State Board of Education has reviewed and commented on public comments received in regards to P.A. 096-0903 (principal preparation redesign) and will give its presentation with recommendations at the State Board meeting on Thursday, December 16th. Attached (see first attachment) are the board materials for the meeting. The Board will vote on the final rules at the January meeting and following that, the rules will be taken to JCAR for their review and approval.

Leadership Related Resources:

- **Teacher Leadership Policy Brief** - Education Commission of the States (ECS) just released a policy brief highlighting the role of teacher leadership with boosting student achievement and teacher effectiveness. You can access the policy brief at the following link: <http://www.ecs.org/clearinghouse/90/40/9040.pdf>
- **School Turnaround Training** – A new Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership at Marian University in Indiana is preparing leaders to lead turnaround efforts at struggling schools. To learn more about this program, see the following link: <http://www.post-trib.com/news/2945556,new-marian1129.article>
- **Helping High School Principals to Succeed** - A new publication by SREB recommends targeted strategies for helping high school principals. You can access the publication at the following link: <http://www.wallacefoundation.org/KnowledgeCenter/KnowledgeTopics/CurrentAreasofFocus/EducationLeadership/Pages/three-essentials-improving-schools-require-vision-district-state-support-principal-leadership.aspx>
- **Turnover of Charter School Principals** – A new study by the Center on Reinventing Public Education looks at the turnover over of principals in charter schools (see <http://cl.exct.net/?qs=7261097c8dbc1caffcae12d51785cc0161901df083eec92ee8c0896c8b53983f>)
- **Leading Change Resource:** Dr. Jody Spiro has published a book on her Leading Change tools that have been piloted, tested, and utilized extensively by the Wallace network in our statewide and district work. The attached flier describes the content of the book.

- **Resources to Rural Schools:** The U.S. Departments and Education and Agriculture are working collaboratively to increase awareness of federal resources available to provide support for high-need schools and communities in rural places. USDA Rural Development has more than 40 programs, including a variety of education programs that should be of particular interest to rural schools and community colleges. You can find a listing of all USDA Rural Development state offices and state directors at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/StateOfficeAddresses.html> or identify your local office by selecting your state and county at the following link: <http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=us&agency=rd>.