

Listserv Email: July 21, 2010

I hope that you are finding a way to stay cool despite the hot weather that we are enjoying! The following are some resources that may be of interest.

Learning Point Associates Survey for Illinois Superintendents: Learning Point Associates is conducting a survey of Illinois superintendents on timely issues related to principal preparation and evaluation. The survey comes from Matt Clifford at LPA. **For superintendents on this list serv – please take some time to complete the survey if you have not already done so.** If you are an Illinois superintendent and have not yet taken the survey, you will receive a remainder e-mail from Matt Clifford. The information that we receive from this survey will be useful to our state leadership work.

Cuts in New Principal Mentoring: As many of you know, funding for new principal mentoring in Illinois was cut this year by 60%. While this allows the program to still occur next year, it will not be enough to fund a second year of mentoring for new principals. The Illinois School News Service is looking for statements from stakeholders regarding state programs that have been cut or decreased. Please take some time to write a statement on the following link (<http://www.illinoischoolnews.com/updates/070710survey.pdf>) related to the importance of continued funding for new principal mentoring in Illinois.

IERC Study on Illinois Principals: The Illinois Education Research Council (IERC) has just released a study titled, *The State of Leadership: Public School Principals in Illinois*, that does a nice job of over viewing the characteristics of principals in the state. You can access the study at: [http://ierc.siue.edu/documents/2010-2%20Administrator%20Study%20\(Principals\).pdf](http://ierc.siue.edu/documents/2010-2%20Administrator%20Study%20(Principals).pdf)

NCSL Report on 2009 School Leadership Laws: Attached (see first attachment) is a recent report from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) on laws passed in 2009 addressing school leadership issues. The report does a nice job of over viewing what other states are doing around leadership development, support, and evaluation.

Training Turnaround Principals – A recent article in the Indy Star highlighted a new program at Marian University in Indiana to train turnaround principals. You can view the article at the following link: <http://www.indystar.com/article/20100714/NEWS04/7140337/-1/ARCHIVE/Teaching-principals-to-save-schools>