

Listserv Email: September 2, 2010

Future of IL-SAELP: First, as many know, our grant from The Wallace Foundation for the IL-SAELP initiative is ending on December 31st, 2010. The

Wallace Foundation has generously funded us for 10 years with this work and it would be a detriment to not continue with the work after the funding ends.

In that sense, we will still continue with many SAELP activities, including regular list serv updates, two consortium meetings a year, and the annual IL-SAELP Executive Committee meeting in Springfield. Costs may prohibit from offering meals and reimbursements for travel so we will seek out opportunities for partnership and collaboration with other organizations across the state. If you would like to partner for a future IL-SAELP activity, please send me an e-mail at elhunt@ilstu.edu

Professional Development for Principals On Early Learning: Congress recently introduced legislation - [Senate Bill 3658](#) - that would create a grant program to support mentoring and professional learning for principals to help boost their knowledge of early-childhood education. This is timely for our work in Illinois with the Leadership to Integrate the [Learning Continuum \(LINC\) initiative](#), which has focused on the role of leadership with bridging the early learning to K-12 continuum.

Rural Superintendents' Perceptions of Principal Preparation: Attached is an article published in *The Rural Educator* based on a survey of rural superintendents on their perceptions of the development needs of their new principals. This is a very timely article to our work with principal preparation redesign in Illinois.

Public Rating of L.A. Teachers: The L.A. Times is working on a series of articles that publicly rate Los Angeles teachers in terms of student growth in test scores. To learn more about this, go to: <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-teachers-value-20100815,0,2695044.story?page=1>

Launch of Education Nation: NBC News is launches an interactive two-day summit called *Education Nation*. The two-day summit is a call to action, shining a spotlight on the most pressing national issue of our time: Education in America. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Delaware Governor Jack Markell, Minnesota Governor Tim Pawlenty, Harlem Children Zone's CEO Geoffrey Canada, President of MIT Susan Hockfield, National Superintendent of the Year Elizabeth Morgan, Civil Rights Activist Al Sharpton, and President of University of Phoenix Bill Pepicello, Ph.D., join a host of top leaders in education to open a national dialogue and address the gap between how we perceive education and the actual results we are producing today. More information about *Education Nation* including a list of participants and schedule of events, visit www.educationnation.com

Development of New U.S. Education Delivery Institute (EDI): EDI, developed with funding from the Gates Foundation, is an innovative, non-profit organization that helps to implement change in public education. EDI's mission is to develop the capacity of system leaders in K-12 education and higher education to define and deliver on their academic vision—setting and reaching goals that increase the number of students who graduate from high school college and career-ready, then enter and succeed in

college. EDI works with states and systems that are poised to make bold changes with processes, techniques and vehicles of delivery that have been field-tested with higher education and K-12 leaders across the United States. For more information on EDI, see <http://www.deliveryinstitute.org/>

Education Leadership Research Opportunities: The U.S. DOE is sponsoring the development of the U.S. DOE Communication Hub that will serve as a platform for U.S. DOE funded School Leadership Grant partners to share their program experiences, capitalize on their collective knowledge, and explore research opportunities. The Department is inviting researchers interested in engaging in research on these unique partnerships to contact Dr. Sanzo Crum at kcrum@odu.edu