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As the school year comes to a close we would like to thank you for the work you do every day, all year to support students in your school and classroom. This summer there are a number of professional learning opportunities we would like to share with you. The details regarding online courses and workshops in various areas of the state are listed below.

PARCC has decided to consolidate the PBA and EOY into 1 beginning 2015-2016 school year. We will continue to update you as more information becomes available. <http://www.parcconline.org/parcc-states-vote-shorten-test-time>

And If you haven't already, please consider sharing your experiences and feedback through a quick online survey on implementation of the new Illinois Learning Standards (ILS). Your participation is crucial to helping us determine the statewide implementation of the standards along with additional supports still needed for you. The intended audience for this survey is ALL teachers and administrators (not just ELA and Math teachers) and the information will be compiled by the third party identified in the link. Please click on the following link and complete the survey as soon as possible, and please forward on this information to any teachers and administrators in your district/building. Please click on the following link and complete the survey as soon as possible.

<http://www.aeffect.com/studies/1515003.asp?id=LISTSERVER&l=LISTSERVER>

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Plan to Attend the Summer Workshops: Classroom Application of the Illinois Learning Standards

Two Locations to choose from: Naperville June 18 (K-5) and June 19 (6-12) OR John A. Logan College in Carterville June 25 (K-5) and June 26 (6-12)

Join content specialists and featured teachers who will share practical strategies, content specific information and resources to support the instruction of the Illinois Learning Standards. Participants will choose from sessions on the topics of ELA, Math, Technology, Standards Based Grading and Formative Assessment. Registration is \$40/day. Registration is available at the links below.

Math session topics include: Standards for Mathematical Practice, Number Talks with resources, Progression of the Standards, Statistics, Ratio and Proportional Reasoning.

June 18th – K-5 Lisle/Naperville

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-conference-for-grades-k-5-classroom-application-for-the-new-illinois-learning-standards-registration-15522380859>

June 19th – 6-12 Lisle/Naperville

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-conference-6-12-classroom-application-for-the-new-illinois-learning-standards-registration-16772019562>

June 25th – K-5 Carterville

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-conference-k-5-classroom-application-for-the-new-illinois-learning-standards-registration-15498930719>

June 26th – 6-12 Carterville

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/summer-conference-6-12-classroom-application-for-the-new-illinois-learning-standards-registration-16773400693>

June 23 Lead, Focus, Connect Conference in Bloomington

The Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS) and the Illinois State Board of Education have teamed up again this year to host the Lead, Focus, Connect Conference on June 23rd at the DoubleTree Conference Center in Bloomington. This conference provides educators the opportunity to learn from skilled and knowledgeable presenters in a variety of areas including SLO development, Math Model Curriculum, Illinois Science Standards, ELA instructional strategies, classroom assessment, and standards-based learning. Registration for the conference is only \$75 and includes electronic access to all materials provided during the conference and networking time coupled with a terrific lunch. The conference is open to all K-12 educators. To register please visit leadfocusconnect2015.eventbrite.com. IARSS provides pertinent and meaningful professional development to the educators of Illinois. For information about all the services and opportunities facilitated by the ROEs and ISCs visit <http://www.iarss.org/>.

SUMMER ONLINE OPPORTUNITIES: 30 CPDUs/\$50

Join your colleagues in the online professional development program now offered through the Illinois State Board of Education. Educators from Illinois have recently completed facilitation training and will be putting their skills to work by providing this online professional learning. Sign up today! This is a very low cost professional development. The cost to participate in this course is \$50. This registration fee is non-refundable. Courses will be completed online at your own pace over a five- to six-week period (plus one week for orientation – 6 to 7 weeks total). Typical time commitment for these courses is approximately 3 to 4 hours per week. All you need is access to an Internet-connected computer. Work with your colleagues in an enriched online learning community guided by a trained Illinois online facilitator. **Thirty CPDUs will be available for participants who complete the course.**

Classroom Assessment Enhanced by Technology

Online Workshop Begins: May 27, 2015

Description:

Effective assessment is a key element for student achievement and a topic that all people in the field of education must address. Assessment is an ongoing process, requiring multiple methods to assure that teachers gather accurate information that meets the needs of all students. In this course, participants will explore effective principles of classroom assessment at all grade levels and subject areas and a range of assessment methods supported by technology. Participants will review formative and performance assessment, backwards design, and various methods including rubrics and electronic portfolios. By the end of the course, participants will design new assessments to use with their students.

To register for this workshop, follow this link:

<https://classroomassessment.eventbrite.com>

Implementing the Eight Mathematical Practices

In the Elementary School Classroom

Online Workshop Begins: June 17, 2015

Description: One of the major changes Common Core Math Standards requires is a shift in math instruction to incorporate number sense and reasoning in the math classroom. This shift

places emphasis on student thinking and problem solving. During the seven-week course, designed for professional educators including teachers and administrators, new strategies will be utilized in order to facilitate and create opportunities for students to persevere and reason through problem solving. Focus for the implementation of practices will be in the primary grades (K through 6). To register for this workshop, follow this link: <http://eightmathematicalpractices.eventbrite.com>

Mobile Devices for Teaching and Learning

Online Workshop Begins: June 17, 2015

Description: In this course, participants will learn how mobile devices enhance teaching and learning in and out of the classroom. Ongoing instructional challenges, such as sustaining student engagement inside the classroom and extending student learning beyond the school day, can be powerfully addressed through the use of mobile devices. Apps that feature real-time images, augmented reality, interactive activities, and collaborative capabilities can enhance student understanding and help to personalize instruction. Students must learn how to use these technologies ethically and responsibly and teachers need to know how to maximize the potential of these devices. This course will highlight meaningful ways that teaching and learning can be enhanced in and out of the classroom, while also addressing the challenges that many educators face when trying to integrate mobile devices into learning activities.

To register for this workshop, follow this link:

<http://mobiledevicesforteaching.eventbrite.com>