Welcome Back to School Listserv Members!

To begin, we’d like to offer a sincere thank you for all your efforts during Illinois’ adoption of different content area standards in recent years. ELA has been underway since 2010 and we continue to collaborate with other content areas so that implementation efforts can connect. Illinois has many great stake holders in education!

We have some bright news! Our [www.ilwritingmatters.org](http://www.ilwritingmatters.org) site has a new look and has been updated to include all resources created for literacy in the strands of writing, reading, language, and speaking and listening. Foundational skills will be coming soon! Please bear with us while we transition our tools to an easier format for all of you!

Fall conferences: We have recently scheduled Classrooms In Action conferences and encourage teams of teachers and leaders to attend. The cost for these conferences is $25! Sessions will focus on K-5 on Day One and 6-12 on Day Two. Professional hours will be given a wide range of topics will be addressed in areas such as: Assessment, ELA, Math, SEL and Family Engagement, Science and Social Sciences. Please view the attached flier to register and find a city near you!

onlineIMPACT Workshops: Are you interested in professional development but are unable to leave your school/district? Several online workshops will be offered by educators from IL this fall so that you can relax at home and have an interactive experience online! 20-30 professional development hours are offered for a very minimal cost. Most workshops last for approximately four-six weeks and cost $50. Approximately 3-4 hours of work will be required during the week. Please view the attached flier to register for a course that interests you!

Capture the Core Newsletters: Another new look has been created for our monthly newsletters. We have included pages for science and social sciences this year and encourage you to share access to these with a friend or colleague located at [www.ilclassroomsinaction.org](http://www.ilclassroomsinaction.org). As always, past editions can be retrieved at this site too.

We look forward to working with all of you this school year and if our team can be of further assistance, please reach out to us by visiting <http://www.ilclassroomsinaction.org/isbe-content-specialists.html>