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Professional Development Offerings

Spring & Summer 2010

Support for the things you HAVE to do.....

- SRBI
- CALI
- 21st Century Skills

and opportunities for things you CHOOSE to do.

- Basic SMARTBoard
- Using Wikis
- Day of Discovery

Information

How to Register:

Please register online at www.educationconnection.org and click on "Workshops." These course offerings are listed under "Professional Development."

Registration Deadline:

The registration deadline is two weeks prior to the scheduled event.

Confirmation:

Your registration will be confirmed. A confirmation letter with directions will be mailed.

Participant Cancellation/Refund Policy:

Refunds to participants will be honored when EDUCATION CONNECTION is notified in writing two (2) weeks prior to the date of the workshop.

Inclement Weather:

Cancellations due to inclement weather are announced by calling the Litchfield office at 860-567-0863 and follow the prompt for class cancellations.

Questions:

Please contact Nancy Luchene at 860-567-0863 ext. 116.

EDUCATION CONNECTION School Services team members are professional development specialists who partner with schools to foster and support school reform. As education grows toward data-based decision making, differentiated instruction, and a variety of standards-based curriculum planning models, the professional development staff at **EDUCATION CONNECTION** is poised to work with you in assessment, strategy, implementation, and ongoing support.

Our work is custom designed to meet the needs of schools and districts. Please contact Jonathan Costa, Director of School and Program Services, for further information: costa@educationconnection.org

SERVICES

Ongoing Professional Development is Provided through:

- Coaching & Modeling
- Facilitation
- Consultation
- Professional Development

SYSTEMS ORGANIZATION

- School Improvement
- Holistic Accountability
- Curriculum Development
- Assessment Training
- Data Analysis
- Examining Student Work
- Leadership Training
- Data Driven Decision Making / Data Teams
- Making Standards Work
- Effective Teaching Strategies
- Instructional Coaching

LITERACY

- Early & Secondary Literacy
- Reading & Writing Across the Disciplines
- Readers/Writers Workshop
- Socratic Seminar
- Conferring

NUMERACY

- Differentiation
- Strategies for Concept Development of Standards
- Problem Solving
- Development of Performance-Based Learning and Assessment in Mathematics

TECHNOLOGY

- Tech Integration
- Data Tools
- Open Technology
- Online Learning

SCIENCE

- Embedded Task Training
- Science Curriculum Revision

21st CENTURY SKILLS

- Identification and Articulation
- Cross-Content Integration
- Assessment and Measurement
- Continuous Improvement

Administrator and Leadership Development

■ Improving Administrator's Use of Time

Date: Friday, February 19, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Jonathan Costa

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: Building and District Administrators

Getting more time is not the answer - it is getting more value from the time you have. Learn how to examine your current job performance to find new ways to add value to the time you spend at work.

■ Change Leadership Academy

Date: Monday, February 22, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Jonathan Costa

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: Building and District Administrators

Leading change is a critical skill for educational leaders. This session will introduce participants to a variety of leadership tools to assist in this critical area.

■ Instructional Walkthroughs (CSDE Model)

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Staff

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: Building and District Administrators

Training in the official state Walkthrough model designed in conjunction with the new curriculum model template. This simple and direct model is easily adaptable to any content area or grade level.

■ Principal's Network

Date: Dates to be Determined after January 27, 2010

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: John Hennelly

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.6

Audience: Building and District Administrators

Being a building principal is often an isolating job. This series of meetings is facilitated by an experienced district administrator and will focus on sharing and collaborative problem solving of issues among peers.

Improving Teaching and Learning

■ Teaching East Asia

Dates: Saturdays, January 30 and April 10, 2010 and Thursdays, February 4, 11, and 25, March 4, 11, and 18, 2010

Time: Saturdays 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Thursdays 4:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Arlene Kowal

Fee: Free

CEUs: 3.0

Audience: History, Geography, Social Studies, English/ Language Arts, Art Teachers, and School Librarians

This 30-hour seminar, sponsored by the Five College Center for East Asian Studies, will provide content and resources for teaching about China, Japan, and Korea. For specific requirements, go to www.nctasia.org.

■ Data-Based Decision Making

Date: Thursday, February 18, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Jodiann Tenney

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.6

Audience: K-12 Teachers

Participants will examine data & work through process of using data to make leadership and instructional decisions.



* Workshops with rolling enrollments will be scheduled once there are a minimum of 8 people signed up for the session.

Improving Teaching and Learning

■ Differentiated Instruction: Why Different Makes a Difference

Date: Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Abbie Lareau

Fee: \$125 includes all materials *CEUs:* 0.5

Audience: K-12 Teachers

We know one size does not fit everyone, but how do we make different lessons for the same concept so that every student can put it on and wear it and have it fit? NCLB requires education to look at the learning styles of individual students. The process of differentiation, offering students various ways of taking in and expressing information, starts with teachers looking at four areas of their teaching: "content, process, product and environment." (Tomlinson 1999) This workshop will provide teachers with proven instructional strategies for applying differentiated reading and writing instruction so that all learning styles can be addressed in the same classroom. Participants will leave with materials designed to support differentiated instruction.

■ Creating Common Formative Assessments (CFAs) and Progress Monitoring Assessments for English Language Learners

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2010 with a Follow-up on Monday, May 24, 2010 from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Jodiann Tenney

Fee: Free

Audience: K-12 World Language Teachers

This workshop will help bilingual and ESL teachers create Common Formative Assessments (CFAs) based on the state ELL frameworks and Grade Level Expectations in order to target second language instruction. It will also help teachers create progress-monitoring assessments that are appropriate for English Language Learners that can be used to identify students in need of additional interventions and monitor their progress to evaluate the success of provided SRBI interventions.

■ Differentiating Instruction and Creating Quality Rubrics in the World Language Classroom

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Jodiann Tenney

Fee: \$99 *CEUs:* 0.6

Audience: K-12 World Language Teachers

Participants in this workshop will learn how to use differentiation in the world language classroom. They will examine world language objectives, create quality rubrics for language assessments, and plan a differentiated unit of study. Teachers should bring materials, i.e. texts, for an upcoming unit of study.

■ Podcasting Basics for World Language Teachers

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Time: 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (light dinner included)

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Pam Sangster

Fee: Free *CEUs:* 0.3

Audience: K-12 World Language Teachers

Podcasts can be an invaluable addition to teaching and learning, but confusion over just what a podcast is and what is needed to podcast can prevent educators from integrating them into the classroom. What is a podcast and how can it help you in your world language classroom? This workshop will answer these questions, provide tools for recording and sharing podcasts, and give an overview of podcasting and ideas for possible podcast projects in your classroom.

■ Knowledge is Power: Increasing Your Understanding of the CMT Reading Comprehension Test

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Abbie Lareau

Fee: \$125 includes all materials *CEUs:* 0.5

Audience: K-8 Teachers

Participants will increase and improve their knowledge and understanding of grade level expectations for the Language Arts portion of the CMT. Participants will be trained in holistic scoring and calibration using the Reading Comprehension rubrics.

Improving Teaching and Learning

■ Creating Wikis in the World Language Classroom

Date: Thursday, March 11, 2010
Time: 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (light dinner included)
Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield
Presenter: Pam Sangster
Fee: Free *CEUs:* 0.3
Audience: K-12 World Language Teachers

A wiki can be thought of as a combination of a Website and a Word document. The wiki is gaining traction in education as an ideal tool for the increasing amount of collaborative work done by both students and teachers. Students might use a wiki to collaborate on a group report, compile data, or share the results of their research, while faculty might use the wiki to collaboratively author the structure and curriculum of a course. Learn more about how you can create and use wikis in your world language classroom.

■ Grant Writing to Support School Improvement

Date: Monday, March 15, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield
Presenter: Jeff Linton
Fee: \$99 *CEUs:* 0.5
Audience: Building and District Curriculum Leaders
"Tips of the trade" from a school-based grant-writer.

■ Problem-Based Learning

Date: Monday, March 15, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield
Presenter: Neil Cowan
Fee: \$99 *CEUs:* 0.5
Audience: Building and District Curriculum Leaders, K-12 Teachers

Design frameworks for creating problem-based lessons – cognitive boxes that students cannot escape from without thinking.



■ SMARTBoard Basics for World Language Teachers

Date: Thursday, March 18, 2010
Time: 3:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. (light dinner included)
Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield
Presenter: Jodiann Tenney
Fee: Free *CEUs:* 0.3
Audience: K-12 World Language Teachers

The SMARTBoard is an interactive whiteboard that turns your computer and data projector into a powerful tool for teaching and presenting. There are many ways you can use a SMARTBoard to increase student engagement, including digital storytelling, viewing multimedia presentations in real-time, showing streamed or downloaded videos, and working collaboratively on writing and editing. In this workshop, participants will actively use the SMARTBoard and learn ways to incorporate its use during world language instruction.

■ Understanding Diversity

Date: Thursday, April 1, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield
Presenter: Abby Peklo
Fee: \$49 *CEUs:* 0.3
Audience: K-12 Teachers

Unwrapping the subtle layers of prejudice and reflecting on personal bias will encourage educators to foster a broad understanding of cultural, ethnic, and gender identity differences within their classrooms.

■ Strategies for Improving Writing Performance

Date: Friday, April 9, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield
Presenter: Neil Cowan
Fee: \$99 *CEUs:* 0.5
Audience: K-12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, etc.

Students cannot write without thinking – the true gateway skill. We can help you help your students improve their writing.

■ Understanding by Design

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2010
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield
Presenter: Neil Cowan
Fee: \$99 *CEUs:* 0.5
Audience: K-12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, etc.

Our experienced UBD trainer can help you make the most of this powerful design process.

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■ Recognizing Meanness

Date: Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Abby Peklo

Fee: \$49

Audience: K-12 Paraprofessionals and Support Staff

Acts of meanness affect all students: the aggressor, the target, the observer, and the reporter. Similar to the workshop offered to teachers, this program defines the continuum of meanness, from teasing to violence. It shows adults working in schools how to recognize signs of meanness, feel more comfortable responding to incidents, and support those who are affected by it.

■ PowerPoint for World Language Teachers

Date: Saturday, May 22, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (light breakfast & lunch included)

Location: Maloney Interdistrict Magnet School, 233 South Elm Street, Waterbury, CT

Presenter: Jessica Haxhi

Fee: Free

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: K-12 World Language Teachers

PowerPoint has many powerful uses for creating materials, delivering instruction, and introducing students to cultural pictures and video. In this workshop, participants will learn how to create flashcards that have multiple uses, create electronic assessments to save paper and copies, use PowerPoint to introduce and reinforce concepts without speaking English, create one PowerPoint show create pair and group work activities that students can use independently, download video from the internet and embed it in PowerPoint.

■ Teaming for Performance

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury

Presenter: Staff

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: K-12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, etc.

Many minds are better than one – when the team is working well. Make sure that it does with our team training and assistance.

* Workshops with rolling enrollments will be scheduled once there are a minimum of 8 people signed up for the session.

■ Practicing Positive Interactions for a Successful School Climate

Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2010

Time: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Abby Peklo

Fee: \$49

Audience: K-12 Paraprofessionals and Support Staff

Paraprofessionals and support staff are integral members of the school community. This workshop helps define how their roles and interactions with colleagues and students are important to creating and maintaining a positive atmosphere that supports their school's mission of academic achievement for all students.



CALI (Connecticut Accountability for Learning Initiative)

■ Data Driven Decision Making and Data Teams - The Center for Performance Assessment

Dates: Tuesday, March 2 & Wednesday, March 3, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Abbie Lareau

Fee: \$170

CEUs: 1.0

Audience: K-12 Teachers, Administrators, Leadership and Improvement Teams

The Center for Performance Assessment, directed by Dr. Douglas Reeves, has helped hundreds of school districts to improve student performance through the analysis of data. Participants in this workshop will learn two structures for analyzing data: *Data Driven Decision Making* - appropriate for analyzing data and making improvement at a school or district level, and *Data Teams* - appropriate for making and monitoring improvement at the teacher and grade or department level.

■ Curriculum Audits (CSDE Model)

Date: TBD

Location: Your School

Presenter: Our Experienced Staff

Using the CSDE official Curriculum Development Template, **EDUCATION CONNECTION** staff can audit your curriculum documents and make recommendations for improvement.



■ Common Formative Assessments (CFA) - Basic Training

Dates: Tuesday, March 23 & Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Abbie Lareau, CT State Trainer

OR

Dates: Thursday, August 12 & Friday, August 13, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: 345 Main St., Danbury

Presenter: Susan Palma, CT State Trainer

Fee: \$170

CEUs: 1.2

Audience: Administrators, K-12 Teachers, Special Education Teachers

The purpose of this two-day basic training is to build the knowledge and skills of educators in developing CFA to inform instruction. CFA are periodic or interim assessments that are administered to all students in a grade level or course several times during the quarter, semester, trimester, or entire school year. The results from Common Formative Assessments provide predictive value on how students are likely to do each succeeding assessment in time for teachers to make instructional modifications.

During this interactive seminar, participants will:

- learn the value of, and how to use, CFA to inform instruction;
- learn general guidelines for effective item writing;
- develop selected-response and constructed-response CFA items that are aligned to standards and expected learning outcomes;
- create scoring instruments to accompany items; and,
- understand how to use CFA in the Data Team process.



Math and Science Improvement

■ Increasing Engagement in Science

Date: Monday, April 26, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Yvonne Akpalu

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: K-12 Teachers

This in-depth workshop series is dedicated to increasing interest, engagement, and performance in science.

■ Day of Discovery

Date: Saturday, May 15, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Discovery Education Team

Fee: \$ 25 Morning coffee and lunch are included

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: K-12 Teachers

With mounting standards and never-ending assessments, we know that teaching in schools today can be challenging if not overwhelming. But, at a Day of Discovery, you'll explore education in a whole new way and gain techniques to help meet your challenges head-on. Throughout the day, you'll participate in high-energy and interactive sessions, learn from the Discovery Education Team of nationally recognized speakers and even win prizes! As always, a Day of Discovery is about connecting you with your most valuable resource... each other. Join us for your Day of Discovery and find out how you can make learning engaging and fun!

Day of Discovery is based on resources available from the Discovery Education website.

■ Approaching Science through Inquiry and Discrepant Events

Date: Thursday, June 10, 2010

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Susan Palma

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.6

Audience: K-8 Teachers

A good discrepant event tends to create a strong feeling of "wanting to know." You have seen water running down hill; however, if you were to see water run uphill, it would be an entirely different matter. Water flowing against gravity is a discrepancy. Most people know that ice freezes at 32° F, but what if you were to see ice melt at 10° F? What would you think? Children stare in disbelief and want to know "how it works." The discrepant event is used as an incentive to get pupils involved in the essence of inquiry. When children are strongly motivated, conditions are favorable for inquiry learning. The problem, as is often the case with good practices, is how to achieve inquiry in the elementary classroom. Investigate discrepant events that are correlated to the CT Science Framework and how they will facilitate inquiry and science in your classroom. Using discrepant events makes it possible to teach inquiry-based science, regardless of the program you are using. In other words, this workshop will make "good teaching" easier to achieve in your classrooms.

■ Math/Science Curriculum Audits

Date: Friday, June 18, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Susan Palma

Fee: \$79

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: District Teams Representing Elementary, Middle, and High Schools in Curriculum Area and Curriculum Director

District teams are asked to bring their math or science curriculum to investigate how to inventory the curriculum using the CT State Department of Education Curriculum Development Guide. The guide will assist districts in determining curriculum development priorities and to set goals for further curriculum design and development.



Special Education and Related Services

■ Autism Evaluations and Strategies

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury

Presenter: Staff

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: K-12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, Special Education Teachers, etc.

Our staff can provide non-partisan evaluations for identification and intervention purposes.

■ Strategies for Drivers and Support Personnel

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury

Presenter: Staff

Fee: \$99

Audience: Drivers, Support Personnel

We can provide your drivers with strategies and understanding of key behavioral challenges to reduce the number of incidents and improve the quality of the transportation experience.

■ Strategies for Difficult Classroom Behaviors

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury

Presenter: Staff

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: K-12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, Special Education Teachers, etc.

Proven strategies for working with the most disruptive classroom behaviors.

■ PMT Training

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury

Presenter: Staff

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: K-12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, Special Education Teachers, etc.

Meet your legal requirements.

Strategic and School Improvement Planning

■ Coherence and Focus in Strategic Planning

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury

Presenter: Jonathan Costa

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: K-12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, Special Education Teachers, etc.

Failing to plan is a plan to fail. This workshop will show you how to do it right.

■ Strategic Planning (District/Board)

Date: TBD

Location: Your School

Presenter: Jonathan Costa

Failing to plan is a plan to fail. We can facilitate your planning process from start to finish.

■ Marketing and Communications Strategies for Schools/Districts

Date: TBD

Location: Your School

Presenter: Our Experienced Staff

If you can't get your message out, you don't have a message. This session will show you communication strategies to get your message to your constituents.

■ School Improvement Planning

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury

Presenter: Staff

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: K-12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, Special Education Teachers, etc.

Facilitated, data-based school improvement planning is a tried and true method for driving success.

* Workshops with rolling enrollments will be scheduled once there are a minimum of 8 people signed up for the session.

Technology Fluency

■ Basic SMARTBoard

Date: Monday, March 1, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Jodiann Tenney

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: K-12 Teachers

If you have little to no experience with or still lack the confidence to use a SMARTBoard, learn and practice the basics of using it and how to integrate it into your classroom. Participants will learn the basic functions of a SMARTBoard, see sample lessons, and begin to learn how to design and modify lessons using SMART Notebook software. Teachers should bring materials for an upcoming lesson in which they want to incorporate the SMARTBoard.

■ Intermediate SMARTBoard

Date: Monday, March 8, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Jodiann Tenney

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: K-12 Teachers

Take your SMARTBoard skills to the next level. This class is for SMARTBoard users with some experience who wants to expand their use of the SMARTBoard in the classroom and increase the rigor of their SMARTBoard lessons. Use the SMARTBoard Notebook application to design and develop digital-age learning experiences and assessments. Participants should bring curriculum and/or state standards for one content area.

■ Microsoft Excel – Beyond the Basics

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Pam Sangster

Fee: \$49

CEUs: 0.3

Audience: K-12 Teachers

Expand your basic Excel skills with this powerful tool. Learn to work in Excel faster and more efficiently, sort & filter data, and create charts & graphs.

■ Kindles in the Classroom

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Staff

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: K-12 Teachers

The textbook is dead – long live the textbook! Explore the future of print in the classroom.

■ Podcasting

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Pam Sangster

Fee: \$49

CEUs: 0.3

Audience: K-12 Teachers

What can you do with Podcasts in the classroom? Come find out how you can quickly and easily create audio recordings to supplement what you already do. Learn how students can use this technology to demonstrate creative thinking and develop innovative projects.

■ Using Wikis to Communicate and Collaborate in the Classroom

Date: Thursday, July 22, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Pam Sangster

Fee: \$49

CEUs: 0.3

Audience: K-12 Teachers

Wikis are easy-to-use tools to facilitate communication and increase collaboration between you and your students. Learn how students can use wikis to collaborate on projects while you monitor their progress and contributions.



Beginning Teacher (TEAM)

■ TEAM Mentor Update Training

Date: Tuesday, February 2 or Wednesday, March 17 or Wednesday, April 7 or Wednesday, June 2 or Wednesday, July 7, 2010 or Monday, August 16, 2010 (*please choose one date*)

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

OR

Date: Friday, January 22 or Thursday, May 20 (*please choose one date*)

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: 345 Main St., Danbury

Presenter: Laura Patterson

Fee: Free

Audience: Previously Trained BEST Mentors

Registration: Participants will need to register at www.ctteam.org to attend any of these sessions

This one-day update is available to previously trained mentors under the BEST Program. Experienced mentors will develop the new knowledge base and skills needed to support beginning teachers through the mentoring module process.

■ TEAM Initial Support Teacher Training

Date: Tentatively Tuesday, May 4, Wednesday, May 12, and Monday, May 17, 2010 (*3 sessions*) or Tentatively Tuesday, June 29, Wednesday, June 30, and Thursday, July 1, 2010 (*3 sessions*)

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Laura Patterson

Fee: Free

Audience: Prospective Mentors and Cooperating Teachers

Registration: When posted, participants will need to register at www.ctteam.org to attend any of these sessions

This three-day training is designed for prospective mentors and cooperating teachers. Participants will be introduced to coaching techniques and strategies designed to support new educators and engage in activities to become familiar with the new CCT and mentoring module process.

■ TEAM Coordinating Committee Training

Date: Wednesday, February 17, 2010 or Tuesday, February 23, 2010

Time: Choice of 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Laura Patterson

Fee: Free

Audience: Districts' TCC Members and Administrators

Registration: By invitation only. Please contact your TEAM District Facilitator to register.

This 3-hour session, for three to four members of districts' TCC, covers topics including the design, management, and administration of district teacher education and mentoring plans.



Customized School Improvement Services

We come to you and design based on your needs

■ Setting Up and Running PLC Teams

Date: TBD

Location: Your School

Presenter: Our Experienced Staff

Collaboration among professionals can drive change and improvement. We can help you set up these frameworks.

■ Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

Date: TBD

Location: Your School

Presenter: Abby Peklo

Meet your legal requirements and educate your staff at the same time.

■ Effective Meeting Facilitation

Date: TBD

Location: Your School

Presenter: Abby Peklo

Meetings are expensive – ensure your investment with effective facilitation.

■ Skill or Topic Specific Targeted Sessions

Date: TBD

Location: Your School

Presenter: Our Experienced Staff

Instruction/Engagement/Assessment.

■ Support for School Redesign/Turn-Around

Date: TBD

Location: Your School

Presenter: Our Experienced Staff

From mission, to goals, to strategies, our staff can help put you on the road to continuous improvement.

■ District/Building Problem Solving Interventions

Date: TBD

Location: Your School

Presenter: Our Experienced Staff

Use our professionals for unbiased technical assistance to help unravel and solve difficult building or district challenges.

■ Administrator/Teaching Coaching

Date: TBD

Location: Your School

Presenter: Our Experienced Staff

Get some professional and unbiased feedback to help you improve any set of professional skills without any evaluative overtones.



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21st Century Skills

Spring & Summer 2010 Professional Development Offerings

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- **21st Century Skills – Fad or Future - Identifying, Teaching and Assessing for Critical 21st Century Skills**

Date: Friday, March 5, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Jonathan Costa

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: Building and District Curriculum Leaders, Teachers

A keynote style presentation designed to raise awareness regarding the origin, need, and application of 21st Century skills in the K-12 environment.

- **In-Depth Assessment of 21st Century Skills System-Wide Implementation Capacity**

Date: Friday, April 9, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Jonathan Costa

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: 7-12 Curriculum and Instructional Leaders, Teachers

Compared to identification and teaching, assessment of 21st Century skills may be the hardest work of all. This session will walk you through step-by-step.

- **Challenge-Based Curriculum ... Imbedding Year-Long Projects to Teach and Assess 21st Century Skills**

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury

Presenter: Staff

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: 7-12 Curriculum and Instructional Leaders, Teachers

Our experienced designers and instructors will lead you through the process.

- **Curriculum Integration Models for 21st Century Skills**

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury

Presenter: Dan Cogan-Drew

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: 7-12 Curriculum and Instructional Leaders, Teachers

The originators of Bio21 and other 21st Century skills curricula will show you how this can be done.

- **Cyber Bullying and Internet Safety**

Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield

Presenter: Abby Peklo

Fee: \$49

Audience: K-12 Teachers, Paraprofessionals, and Support Staff

Students as young as elementary age are at risk of Internet bullying and cyber danger. This cyber safety awareness and Internet bullying prevention workshop exposes the dangers of inappropriate online communications. Cyber bullying often occurs among peer groups, friends, and school mates, and can be just as damaging as in-person meanness or bullying. Teachers and paraprofessionals can benefit from learning how to be a resource to their students and recognize signs of cyber trouble.

- **Implementation of Bio 21 – A 21st Century Skills Approach to Teaching Biology**

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury

Presenter: Staff

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: 7-12 Curriculum and Instructional Leaders, Teachers

See how a fully integrated 21st Century skills model works in the presentation of Biology content.

- **Introduction to the Digital Arts and Sciences Academy – A Systemic 9-12 Curriculum Model for a Blended 21st Century Learning Environment**

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury

Presenter: Staff

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: 9-12 Curriculum and Instructional Leaders, Teachers

What would a wholly integrated 9-12 digital curriculum look like? Come to this session and see what the future looks like.

* Workshops with rolling enrollments will be scheduled once there are a minimum of 8 people signed up for the session.

● **Introduction to Earth and Energy Essentials.....**

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury
Presenter: Staff
Fee: \$99 *CEUs:* 0.5
Audience: 9-12 Curriculum and Instructional Leaders, Teachers
Bringing 9th grade science into the 21st Century.

● **Introduction to E-Commerce and Entrepreneurship**

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury
Presenter: Staff
Fee: \$99 *CEUs:* 0.5
Audience: 7-12 Curriculum and Instructional Leaders, Teachers
Tasks and student work at the heart of 21st Century skills.

● **Using MOODLE to Manage Online Learning**

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury
Presenter: Staff
Fee: \$99 *CEUs:* 0.5
Audience: 7-12 Curriculum and Instructional Leaders, Teachers
Nobody has more experience in Connecticut using MOODLE in support of teaching and learning than we do!

● **Second Life as an Instructional Tool**

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury
Presenter: Staff
Fee: \$99 *CEUs:* 0.5
Audience: 7-12 Curriculum and Instructional Leaders, Teachers
Interested in teaching a concept or course in a virtual world? Come to our "digital island space" to learn how.

● **Self-Assessing 21st Century Systems Readiness**

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury
Presenter: Jonathan Costa
Fee: \$99 *CEUs:* 0.5
Audience: 7-12 Curriculum and Instructional Leaders, Teachers
If you are about to jump into the "21st Century skills pool" and are not sure how much water there is in the deep-end, this process will help you measure and illuminate the most important pathways to improvement.

● **Web 2.0 Tools for Collaboration, Engagement, and Improved Student Learning**

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury
Presenter: Matt Mervis
Fee: \$99 *CEUs:* 0.5
Audience: 7-12 Curriculum and Instructional Leaders, Teachers
This new generation of collaboration tools are flexible, responsive, ground-breaking, and.... free!



* Workshops with rolling enrollments will be scheduled once there are a minimum of 8 people signed up for the session.

● **21st Century Skills Integration Institute**

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury

Presenter: Staff

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: 7-12 Curriculum and Instructional Leaders, Teachers

Comprehensive training related to the identification, assessment, and instruction of 21st Century skills.

● **Wikis, Blogs, and Social Networking—Using Social Networking to Support Learning in Your Classroom**

Date: By Arrangement Based on Rolling Enrollment*

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location: 355 Goshen Rd., Litchfield or 345 Main St., Danbury

Presenter: Staff

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Audience: 7-12 Curriculum and Instructional Leaders, Teachers

Just about every kid is using these tools; we might as well have them learn something while they do it.

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Connecticut's Framework for Response to Intervention (RTI)

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EDUCATION CONNECTION is poised to help districts and schools create and maintain a successful SRBI model. **EDUCATION CONNECTION** educators can work with your district or school, a group of instructors, or with individual staff to provide the following SRBI services:

- ▶ *Introduction to SRBI*
- ▶ *SRBI Readiness Assessment*
- ▶ *Comprehensive Assessment Planning*
- ▶ *School Climate*
- ▶ *Building a Collaborative Culture for Data Driven Decision Making*
- ▶ *Effective Instructional Practices*
- ▶ *Research- and Evidence-Based Interventions*
- ▶ *Problem Solving Teams*
- ▶ *Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum*
- ▶ *Effective Research-Based Instructional Practices and Interventions*

▶ **District Planning Seminar for SRBI**

This two-day seminar will help school and/or district teams in the systematic implementation and sustainability of SRBI. The goal of this seminar is for districts to develop a plan for the implementation of SRBI. Participants will work through a self-assessment tool to identify the district's current implementation and readiness for SRBI. Additional activities will include time for resource mapping, determining key areas of high need, and the development of an action plan to help the district effectively implement SRBI.

Dates: Wednesday, March 17 & Thursday, March 18, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield, CT

Presenter: Susan Palma

Fee: \$75.00 per person, includes continental breakfast and lunch

Participants: District Teams of at Least Four Participants, Including Teachers, Administrators, Psychologists and/or Special Education Teachers.

CEUs: 1.0

Any district sending a team of four or more for SRBI district planning will receive a 10% discount on registration fees for district staff participating in two or more SRBI Modules.

See SRBI Module Training on next page for further information.

▶ **I is for Interventions – What are They in Mathematics?**

Education interventions are designed to intervene on behalf of the student in ways that maximize student achievement. Participants will leave with evidence – based strategies that have demonstrated the ability to maximize student achievement in mathematics.

Date: Thursday, May 6, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield, CT

OR

Date: Friday, June 4, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 345 Main Street, Danbury, CT

Presenter: Susan Palma

Fee: \$99.00

CEUs: 0.5

Participants: Administrators, Curriculum Leaders, Specialists, etc.

▶ **SRBI for Administrators**

Participants will receive an overview of the key elements and practical aspects of SRBI, including: the use of data, universal screening, progress monitoring, tiered interventions, etc.

Date: Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 345 Main Street, Danbury, CT

OR

Date: Tuesday, August 3, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield, CT

Presenter: Susan Palma

Fee: \$99.00

CEUs: 0.4

Participants: School or District Administrators

SRBI Modules

▶ **Module 1 – Introduction to Scientific Research-Based Interventions (SRBI)**

Participants will receive an overview of the key elements and practical aspects of SRBI, including: the use of data, universal screenings, progress monitoring, tiered interventions, etc.

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 345 Main Street, Danbury, CT

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

OR

Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield, CT

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$35.00

Participants: K -12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, etc.

▶ **Module 2 – The Foundation - Tier 1 Core Curriculum**

Explore the Connecticut Curriculum Development Guide (CCDG) as an instrument designed to lead the planning, review, and development of PK-12 curriculum. The process will include determining curriculum development priorities and distinguishing between immediate, short-term, and long-term next steps.

Date: Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 345 Main Street, Danbury, CT

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

OR

Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield, CT

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$35.00

Participants: K -12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, etc.

▶ **Module 3 – Comprehensive Assessment**

This module will focus on the power of assessment to drive continuous improvement in curriculum, instruction, and student performance. Learn how universal screenings, benchmark assessments, summative and formative assessments, etc., are included in a systemic SRBI plan.

Date: Thursday, April 8, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield, CT

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

OR

Date: Monday, May 10, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 345 Main Street, Danbury, CT

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$35.00

Participants: K -12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, etc.

▶ **Module 4 – The Use of Data**

Participants will review the 5-step Data Team process as well as the 6-step Data Driven Decision Making process and how the integration of both processes have proven effective in the practice of improving student achievement.

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Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield, CT

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

OR

Date: Monday, May 10, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 345 Main Street, Danbury, CT

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$35.00

Participants: K -12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, etc.

▶ **Module 5 – Effective Instructional Practices and Interventions**

Explore and plan for the use of effective teaching strategies. Review the strategies identified by Robert Marzano in the *Art and Science of Teaching* and uncover how these strategies can be used to improve student achievement.

Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield, CT

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

OR

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 345 Main Street, Danbury, CT

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$35.00

Participants: K -12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, etc.

SRBI Modules

► **Module 6 – Formative Assessment**

Develop an understanding of the basic components in the creation and use of Formative and Common Formative Assessments and how these assessments are integral in improvement of student achievement.

Date: Tuesday, April 13, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield, CT

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

OR

Date: Thursday, May 20, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 345 Main Street, Danbury, CT

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$35.00

Participants: K -12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, etc.

► **Module 7 – Promote Positive Student Behaviors**

Participants will learn about increasing student engagement and decreasing inappropriate behavior using a variety of positive behavioral support strategies.

Date: Monday, April 26, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield, CT

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

OR

Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 345 Main Street, Danbury, CT

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$35.00

Participants: K -12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, etc.

► **Rtl – SRBI Data Collection and Analysis System**

This locally created database will help your district track and analyze the data you create and collect through the SRBI process.

Date: Friday, April 30, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield, CT

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Presenter: Jim Huggins

Fee: \$99

CEUs: 0.5

Participants: K -12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, etc.

► **Module 8 - CBM - Curriculum Based Measurement in Mathematics**

CBM produces accurate meaningful information about students' academic levels and growth. Scientific research supports the use of the progress monitoring tool, curriculum based measurement. Learn about how CBM is used to track academic development and improve student achievement in mathematics.

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield, CT

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

OR

Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 345 Main Street, Danbury, CT

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$35.00

Participants: K -12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, etc.

► **Module 9 - CBM - Curriculum Based Measurement in Language Arts**

CBM produces accurate meaningful information about students' academic levels and growth. Scientific research supports the use of the progress monitoring tool, curriculum based measurement. Learn about how CBM is used to track academic development and improve student achievement in language arts.

Date: Wednesday, May 5, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 355 Goshen Road, Litchfield, CT

Time: 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

OR

Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2010

Location: EDUCATION CONNECTION, 345 Main Street, Danbury, CT

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Fee: \$35.00

Participants: K -12 Teachers, Administrators, Specialists, etc.

*For more information on these SRBI workshops,
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