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MI Excel Update: November 6, 2015

Work Logs

Just a friendly reminder that the IS/DIF/SIF Work Logs for October, 2015 were due November 5th. These are shared with us in the Dropbox folder we sent you. Kathy is currently reviewing those work logs and providing feedback on the documents that have been received. She will be contacting you soon if you have not yet submitted your Work Logs.

Change for May MI Excel Collaborative Meetings

Due to the Memorial Day holiday weekend, many of you have requested that we modify the schedule for the MI Excel Collaborative Meetings in May. We have combined the Priority and Focus Collaborative Meetings to the same day, Thursday May 26th. If you have already registered for the originally scheduled Focus and Priority days Anne Bohl will be contacting you to ensure that you are aware of the change. If you have not registered yet, the [registration form](#) has been updated to reflect this change.

Blueprint Facilitator Certification

Cohorts I and II have begun. A third Cohort has been added for Blueprint Facilitator Certification. Orientation for Cohort III of Blueprint Facilitator Certification will be held on March 1-2 at the Grand Rapids Doubletree. A registration form is available on the Professional Learning page of the Resource Center for those interested in participating in this cohort. For further information about this opportunity please contact Grant Chandler.

Crucial Conversations

An additional session has been added for Crucial Conversations in Grand Rapids at the Doubletree on April 12-13. This is open to district and building leaders from Focus and Priority Schools as well as ISD consultants. The [registration form](#) for Crucial Conversations is available on the MI Excel Resource Center.

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Updates to MI Excel Resource Center

There have been multiple additions to MI Excel Resource Center. Under the ISD/ESA Resources tab you can now find new information about the following topics that will be found in their own individual folders. These documents will be available on the Resource Center beginning Monday, November 9th.

- **ISD Requirement Dates**
A document has been created that summarizes all the ISD requirements associated with the Regional Assistance Grant.
- **Teaching and Learning Priorities**
An example of Teaching and Learning Priorities that align with the 7 criteria shared at the Focus School Collaborative Meeting on November 2nd has been provided.
- **Instructional Learning Cycle**
Resources to support the implementation of the Instructional Learning Cycle have been added under ISD/ESA Resources. These resources include: Instructions for accessing the ILC Online course, ILC Presentations for Facilitators, and the ILC Process Document.
- **Quarterly School Support Team Meeting**
Resources for School Support Team Meetings include: Sample SST Meeting Minutes/Agenda and a rationale for holding SST Meetings.

As always, please don't hesitate to let us know how we can assist. Thank you for all you do to support Michigan's children.