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Greetings!

I hope this email finds you enjoying the summer months and finally enjoying whatever summer sunshine we are fortunate to see.

This email provides a few important updates:

1. For those of you serving focus schools, a huge thank you for your work in completing the DIF survey. We were able to forward that information to MDE by our June 30th deadline. I appreciate all your diligence in helping us get that information to MDE. Thank you!
2. The MI Excel Collaborative Partner meeting schedule has been confirmed for 2015-2016. Several dates (September and November) have shifted slightly due to venue availability. The attached document summarizes the dates and provides you with a registration link. One link takes you to all the meetings so that you may register for all of them at one time rather than registering individually. Should you have any questions or difficulty, please contact Anne Bohl (bohla@calhounisd.org).
3. Thank you for submitting your work logs for the period of April 1 to June 30th. Those logs were due on July 15th and we are already hard at work summarizing the data so that we may report your work to MDE appropriately. Thank you for submitting these documents as efficiently as you did and have always done.
4. The Summer Turnaround Institutes are filling up quickly. If you haven't arranged for your priority or focus districts to attend, please do so quickly as we want to make sure we will have ample space to effectively meet the needs of participants. We are quickly approaching the 150 mark. The registration link is attached again for your convenience.
5. MI Excel has created a resource center! Although it is currently in its infancy, this site will prove to be very helpful to all of us as it grows and matures. It's literally only a few hours old. Check back often and watch it grow and mature. The website can be accessed at www.tinyurl.com/MIExcel-ResourceCenter. Feel free to share that link with your districts as well.
6. Don't forget the MI Excel Coherent Approach (Blueprint) training on August 6-7 in Grand Rapids for ISD service providers. The document with that link is also attached again for your convenience. Training will be at the Grand Rapids Crowne Plaza with overnight accommodations at the Hilton/Doubletree.
6. The Professional Learning Calendar for 2015-2016 is now available on our website. Please see the calendar tab or the professional learning 2015-2016 tab for a document listing all scheduled

events. Registration will be available as soon as we finish confirming venues. The cities and dates are confirmed, however.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if we can be of any assistance to you in the great work you do on behalf of children. I look forward to seeing you soon!

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