



**Greetings Integration Districts,**

What a fabulous week on the road (Nov. 6-11) as I completed my initial visits with all of the school districts in the San Juan BOCES. On Monday and Tuesday (Nov. 7-8), the San Juan BOCES district leaders and building administrators were involved with the pilot training for the principal evaluation system. The Educator Effectiveness (EE) team from CDE did another amazing job of presenting this information. I know that everyone left this meeting with the clear understanding that the CDE EE team does not have all of the answers regarding student growth measures and are looking to the educators involved in this project to assist them with finding these answers.

We need to place our order to the [National Student Clearinghouse](#), the resource for tracking our high school graduates. If we have not heard from your district as to whether or not you would like to receive this service, Tara Jahn will be calling you.

**District Meeting Updates**

**Montezuma-Cortez School District**

*Tuesday, November 8, 2011-5:30pm-7:30pm*

*Presenters: Jeri Crispe-Integration District Director, Greg Lawler-Uniserv Director and Steve Otter-San Juan BOCES, Project Manager*

**Meeting Highlights**

- Shared the introductory power point explaining the Integration District work
- Followed by a brief Q & A
- The presentation was provided in two sessions.
  - One for secondary staff and one for elementary staff
  - Board members were in attendance as well
- The school district has a link on their home page for the Integration Project

**Bayfield School District**

*Wednesday November 9, 2011-7:00am-7:40am*

*Presenters: Jeri Crispe-Integration District Director, Greg Lawler-Uniserv Director and Steve Otter-San Juan BOCES, Project Manager*

**Meeting Highlights**

- Shared the introductory power point explaining the Integration District work
- Followed by a brief Q & A

**Escalante Middle School**

*Wednesday November 9, 2011-9:00am-10:00am*

*Presenters: Jeri Crispe-Integration District Director, and Steve Otter-San Juan BOCES, Project Manager*

- Presented Integration Information to Tim Arnold, Principal, John Hise, Literacy Coach and teacher leaders interested in moving forward with the LDC and MDC work in 7th and 8th grades

**Upcoming Grant Activities**

**November 2011– October 2012**

**December 2011**

- Deadline for local school boards to adopt new academic standards

**January 2012**

- Educators from Integration Districts begin the LDC training (cohort 1)
  - January 23-24 in Durango
  - January 26-27 in Thompson

- Strategic Data Partners begin work with Integration Districts

- Anticipate the beginning of the Math Design Collaborative tools training

**February-May 2012**

- Educators from Integration Districts implement one LDC module (cohort 1)

**June 2012-October 2012**

- Educators continue LDC training (cohorts 1, 2 and 3)

**Additional dates presented in future newsletter editions**



**Dolores County School District- Dove Creek**

*Wednesday, November 9, 2011– 2:00pm-5:00pm*

*Presenters: Jeri Crispe-Integration District Director*

Meeting Highlights

- Superintendent, Bruce Hankins provided Jeri with a tour of the school and multiple classrooms.
  - The schools just recently added a significant amount of technology to classrooms with new projectors and SMART boards in almost every classroom.
- New math and reading curriculum are in place for the elementary school.
- Catherine Boyd, the 5th grade teacher shared with me how she is incorporating Khan Academy in her classroom. This is a free website for students and educators that provides a wealth of lessons to assist students K-12.
  - <http://www.khanacademy.org/>
- The teachers meet in horizontal and vertical teams for PLC work weekly. Coverage is provided by fellow teachers in order to make time for this important work.
- Shared the introductory power point explaining the Integration District work
- Followed by a brief Q & A

**Silverton School District**

*Thursday, November 10, 2011– 8:00am-10:00am*

*Presenters: Jeri Crispe-Integration District Director, and Steve Otter-San Juan BOCES, Project Manager*

Meeting Highlights

- Met with Superintendent, Kim White and her leadership team
- The Silverton team shared their work with writing Expeditionary Learning units , which includes the new CAS
  - The team is completing a cross-walk of their curriculum documents with the LDC framework
  - The team has written great connections for ELL and special needs students within their curricular unit designs

**Durango High School**

*Thursday, November 10, 2011– 11:15am-12:15pm*

*Presenters: Jeri Crispe-Integration District Director, and Steve Otter-San Juan BOCES, Project Manager*

Meeting Highlights

- Shared briefly concerning the Integration Project followed by a discussion regarding the LDC work

**Dolores School District**

*Thursday, November10, 2011– 2:00pm-5:20pm*

*Presenters: Jeri Crispe-Integration District Director, and Steve Otter-San Juan BOCES, Project Manager*

Meeting Highlights

- Met with Superintendent Scott Cooper and Elementary Principal, Sherry Maxwell
- Strong PLC structure in place for the elementary school and would like to replicate this work in the middle school and high school with some of the Integration Project funds
  - Elementary school needs time for PLC work
  - Middle school needs PLC training
- Expressed desire for continued close collaborations among the BOCES districts
- Sherry is excellent with data disaggregation, needs a mechanism to manipulate this work electronically
- Looking for curriculum for the high school staff
- Will be hiring a new high school Principal and Assistant Principal/Athletic Dean
- Shared the introductory power point explaining the Integration District work
- Followed by a brief Q & A



### Training Information and Event Reminders

#### Math Design Collaborative (MDC) Training

I will be working with Math Solutions next week to create a plan of action for **January and beyond** that you can share with your staffs beginning the week after Thanksgiving.

For more information concerning **Math Solutions**, please click [here](#). You are welcome to share with your staff.

#### Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC) Training

**Thanks** to all of our districts for your participation in the *LDC Overview Training* on Monday, November 14.

Your feedback was essential for us in moving forward on the teacher LDC professional development work as each of you clearly articulated where we need to add multi-media inputs as well as electronic access to materials in a spacious environment that allows for movement and collaboration in and across districts. Thanks!

Electronic versions of the [1.0 LDC Guidebook](#) and the [LDC Overview Brochure](#) are available by clicking on the title of the document. Our project managers will also be forwarding the *LDC Power Point Presentation* to superintendents and school administrators to share with their respective faculties.

**\*\*Upcoming LDC Training Dates will be in January 2012: [January 23-24 in Durango & January 26-27 in Thompson](#)**

#### Standards Implementation

Cathy Martin, the lead from DPS on Standards Implementation, would like to convene a Standards Meeting across Integration Districts **as soon as possible**. I believe that a date in January would be our best first time to meet.

**\*\*She would like a face-to-face meeting for the first convening that could be followed by subsequent virtual meetings.**

#### Concluding Thoughts

Enjoy a glorious Thanksgiving with your family and friends. Our best to you from CLF in celebrating this season of giving thanks. We are reminded with every communication how fortunate we are to have selected the finest districts to share the work of the Integration Project. Thanks for all that you give daily to the children of our state!

#### Additional Resources

For more information, please visit the Colorado Legacy Foundation website at:  
[www.colegacy.org](http://www.colegacy.org).

**Click the *Colorado Integration Project* tab**

Information about SB-191 is available on the Colorado Department of Education website at  
[www.cde.state.co.us/EducatorEffectiveness/](http://www.cde.state.co.us/EducatorEffectiveness/)

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