



**Week ending 9/6/04**

**To: Reading First Districts**

**From: Alameda County Office of Education Reading First Technical Assistance Center (RTAC)**

**Re: September Communications and Reminders**

As the year begins, I'd like to maintain communication with you. One way will be email; I plan to email you at least once a month and/or as needed. As you know all RF information is posted on the California Technical Assistance Center website <http://www.calread.net>. If you need further information please call me or email me. I hope to provide you with assistance. This note is sent to the RF District contact persons. Please feel free to forward this note to RF staff who may benefit from it. I wish all of you have a positive year as you begin or continue to implement the Reading First Plan.

#### **RTAC School District Visits**

As part of our RTAC responsibilities to the RF districts, we will schedule at least three visits throughout the year. I will be calling you to set up these visit days throughout the year and see how I can be of help.

#### **Special Education Referral Reduction Plan for Reading First Schools**

RF school districts may apply for this additional money. The guidelines and dates for submission will be sent to your district soon and our RTAC can provide assistance if you need it.

#### **RF Coaches Training**

This training is for RF Round 3 Coaches and for new RF Round 1, 2, and it will take place September 20-24 in Sacramento at the Double Tree Hotel. If you have not registered yet please do so as soon as possible. Your RF Coordinator has been provided with a registration password to use as you register each coach/new coach you're sending. (Information has been sent already)

#### **RF Superintendents' Summit**

The Reading First Superintendents' Summit will take place in October 13-14 in Manhattan Beach. Important discussions and presentations will be offered regarding the Reading First Plan and its implementation. We are hoping all Superintendents and their District RF Teams will attend. Information has been sent to your district

#### **Budget/Final Report**

Note from Pamela Routhier:

Please be aware that the Reading First R-TAC Year 2 final report is due by September 30, 2004. Remember, if you have made any revisions to any of the items listed in the

budget, and the total of your changes add up to more than 10% of your total award, your new budget needs to be sent in for approval. I have attached the budget forms for the final budget and the budget justification forms, if needed. Please contact me if you have any questions! ([prouthie@cde.ca.gov](mailto:prouthie@cde.ca.gov))

**William's Settlement** (some people have asked for this information)

It's important to follow the next steps in the settlement of the Williams legal suit. This settlement is expected to provide additional funds for instructional materials, facilities, and monitoring for schools in Deciles 1-2-3. See links to the Williams settlement bills SB 6, SB 550, AB 3001 and AB 1550.

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**Reading Materials Professional Development**

The Alameda County Office of Education Reading Implementation Center offers state-adopted reading instructional materials training. For Reading First Schools, it offers the New & Advanced I, training in English, and New in Spanish. The Spanish Advanced I is scheduled to be ready in the Spring. If you need more information about setting up training for your teachers, please contact Kiyo Masuda at 510-670-4295.

Thank you.

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