



Week ending: 11/11/04

To: Reading First District Coordinators:

Please forward this message to your Reading First coaches and others who may benefit from this information. Please call me (510-670-4235) or Araceli (510-670-7772) if you have any questions. Thank you.

School Visits

Thank you to all the districts which we have visited. It's always a privilege to be able to visit classrooms and observe teaching. The District Teams were welcoming and joined us on our classroom visitations. They also provided valuable feedback for the continuous advancement of the program. Again thank you for your agendas, format of the day, the dialogue, and your hospitality. Special recognition for the superintendents who were able to join us during the debriefing sessions. Most of you received your report and I will be sending the others this weekend.

Special Education Referral Reduction Grant Application

Some of you requested the address and the information below- from CDE:

Submit three (3) copies of the application at any time, no later than November 15, 2004 to:

Special Education Referral Reduction Program
Reading/Language Arts Leadership Office
California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Suite 4309
Sacramento, CA 95814

We will not accept FAX or email applications.

For questions about the application including funding, eligibility, numbers of teachers, allowable expenses, and other technical questions, contact:

Jeffrey Cohen, Consultant
Reading/Language Arts Leadership Office
California Department of Education
(916) 323-4629
jcohen@cde.ca.gov

Coaches Training

The Round 3 Coaches training is coming up on November 15th, 2004. I'm sure you're all signed up for it. On Wednesday we will have a chance to get together with Round 2 Coaches and join them for the rest of the training this year.

Attention Coach Coordinators (note from SCOE)

A Coach Coordinators' meeting is scheduled for all Coach Coordinators at the November/December Coach Institute. HMR and OCR at the Double Tree Hotel in Salon

1/2 on Wednesday, November 17 from 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. As coach coordinators, you are the communication link between C-TAC and the coaches. Therefore, we encourage you to attend this meeting for important updates and information about Reading First Coach Training and the Reading Certificate Program.

Assessment Training

RTAC will be offering further training on assessments as per your request. We will have an assessment orientation training to cover general assessment guidelines and how to use the data. This training will be offered in Salinas and it's open to all districts. If you would like to participate please call Araceli Varela to register your participants. We are planning it for December 3rd. (9:30 -12:00 noon), and more info will be coming your way. No cost.

Lectura:

The Kindergarten Monitoring logs are being translated and they will probably be ready in December.

Registration for LEA Sessions Online (Next one is December 8th, 2004)

The C-TAC is excited to announce that we will be using online registration to register participants for upcoming LEA Sessions. Registration for the December North and South LEA Sessions for both Rounds 1 & 2 and Round 3 is now available online at www.calread.net. Please go to this website and click on LEA Sessions at the top of the page to view information on how to register. If you need overnight accommodations, we recommend that you contact the hotel as soon as possible to make your reservations. Hotel information is also available on the LEA registration page. If you have any questions, please email us at readingfirst@scoe.net

Districts and Schools

Attached you will find a list of all districts and schools. Please check to see if the information is accurate and names correctly spelled. Please let me know if I need to make any corrections. Thank you