



Science and Mathematics Achievement Required for Tomorrow

June 24, 2014

Scot Prebles, Superintendent
Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools
6638 Mill Road
Brecksville, OH 44141-1599

Dear Scot,

The SMART Consortium had a very successful school year last year and we look forward to working with you again next year! Please find enclosed a reminder for your district's SMART Consortium support stipend payment for the 2014-2015 school year. Per SMART Consortium guidelines, all school districts, both city and local, are asked to pay an annual membership stipend to enjoy full membership benefits.

As in previous years, we send out these invoices in June so school districts that want to use remaining FY14 funds for this purpose will be able to do so. The due date for the 2014-2015 support stipend payment is September 1, 2014.

In 2013-2014, the SMART Consortium provided member school districts with the following services:

- Job embedded mathematics and science support / coaching
- OAA data re-rostered in the ODE SUCCESS website
- Curriculum review and audit in mathematics and science
- In-district teacher professional development in assessment, math, science, technology and content literacy
- Presentations during our quarterly meetings:
 - Presentations by Dr. Matthew Stoltzfus, Professor of Chemistry, The Ohio State University & Dr. Richard Ferdig, Summit Professor of Learning Technologies and Professor of Instructional Technology, Kent State University on "Information on Demand: The Road to Higher Cognitive Skills"
 - Panel Discussion on "Testing the Waters of Global Competition: The Real Story Behind International, National and State Testing" Panelists Included: Debe Terhar, President, Ohio State Board of Education, Senator Peggy Lehner, Chair, Senate Education Committee, Lisa Gray, Consultant to The Gates Foundation and Philanthropy Ohio & Melissa Cropper, President, Ohio Federation of Teachers
 - Presentation on QUEST
 - Presentation by Don Archiable, "Future of Technology"
 - Presentation by Brian Roget, Associate Director for Curriculum & Instruction, "Top 10 ODE Curriculum & Assessment Priorities You Should Know"

- In-district support for professional learning communities
- Mathematics, science and reading assessments for students – OAA practice
- Workshops:
 - Middle School Math Content for the Common Core
 - Formative Instructional Practices to Support Student Growth Measures in Math & Science, Grades K-6 & 7-12
 - Mind Blowing Math, Grades 6-8
 - Project Based Learning in Math & Science, Grades 3-8
 - Leadership in Excellence in Mathematics
 - STEM Boot Camps, Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8
 - Designing Instruction and Assessment Around the Standards for Mathematical Practice
 - Implementing and Assessing Design Processes in Science Instruction
 - Ohio's New Learning Standards in Mathematics & Science
 - Common Core Critical Focus in Mathematics, by Grade Level
 - Ohio Science Critical Focus, by Grade Level
 - Differentiated Instruction
 - 5Es (Inquiry and Inquiry-based Instruction)

You are encouraged to visit our website at www.smartconsortium.org to learn more about the many services and resources that are available from the SMART Consortium.

If you have any questions, please call me at 216-916-6338 or Michael Edelman at 216-916-6422.

We greatly appreciate your support and your leadership to improve mathematics and science teaching and student learning. We are looking forward to working with you and your staff next year as we continue the journey toward improvement.

Best wishes for a productive and restful summer.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Linda J. Williams".

Linda J. Williams, Ph.D.
Executive Director, SMART Consortium

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Membership Stipend Reminder 2014-2015 School Year

Date: June 24, 2014

To: Brecksville-Broadview Heights City Schools
6638 Mill Road
Brecksville, OH 44141

Amount Due: \$3000

Due Date: September 2014

Please make checks payable to: Ideastream / SMART Consortium

Please send check to:

SMART Consortium
Idea Center
1375 Euclid Avenue, Suite LL
Cleveland, OH 44115
Attention: Jamie Milne

Please return this portion with payment

District Name: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ Date: _____