



CT Leadership Series



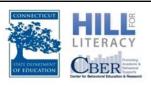
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"America's future walks through the doors of our schools everyday." -Mary Jean Le Tendre









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2. HILL Website:

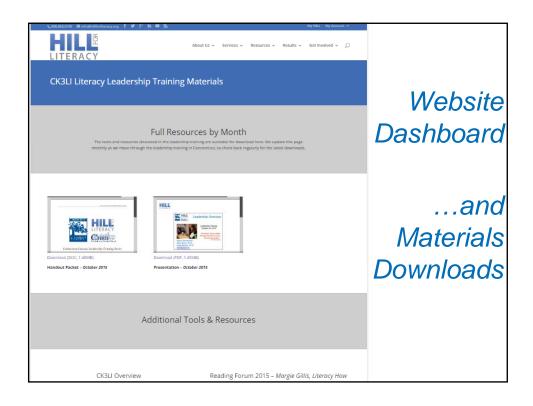
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HILL Website

- Moving forward, each participant will have an account on the HILL website.
- Login to download training materials, RSVP, take surveys & more.
- You will be sent an invitation to login in the next couple weeks.
- For any website issues, contact MarcyKate Connolly at <u>marcykate@hillforliteracy.org</u>







Expected Outcomes for Today



- 1. Review Role of the Leadership Team
- 2. Refine Literacy Plans for SY15-16
- 3. Understand the Key Structures to Support the Model
- 4. Develop and Activity Timeline for SY15-16





Leadership Training

Literacy Leadership Series Follow-up Support for Cohort 1 AD Schools (SY15-16)

Each school will designate a team of 6 school leaders from their school leadership team to participate in monthly literacy leadership trainings. The team of 6 school represent the following departments/groups: principal, literacy facilitator/coach, one regular education teacher from grades k, 17 2° or 3°, one Special Education teacher, one ELL teacher (if applies), district level curriculum or literacy coordinator. Each school can send the same team as last year or designate new members if deemed appropriate.

Institute of Technology and Business Development (ITBD)

185 Main Street, New Britain, CT 06051

Coffee Provided and Lunch Available with Registration

An email reminder/RSVP will be sent to each team member. It is the responsibility of each team member to RSVP for the session, order a lunch if so desired, and download handouts for sessions. As session materials will be shared via electronic file sharing systems (e.g. DropBox, FlashDrives, Web) participants are invited to print materials if hard copies are preferred.

COACHES MEETINGS

Each school will designate a coach and a teacher leader to attend monthly coaches meetings. The coaches meetings will be focused on the components of the CT K-3 Literacy Model and will be an opportunity for the external coaches to provide direct support to the internal coaches focused on the school literacy priorities and goals.

ation: East Hartford Board of Education Time: 9:00-2:00

1110 Main Street, East Hartford, CT 06108
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An External coach will be assigned to each school to provide to provide consultation/facilitation 1 x per month. The internal coach and literacy leadership team in collaboration with the external coach will determine the focus of the support.

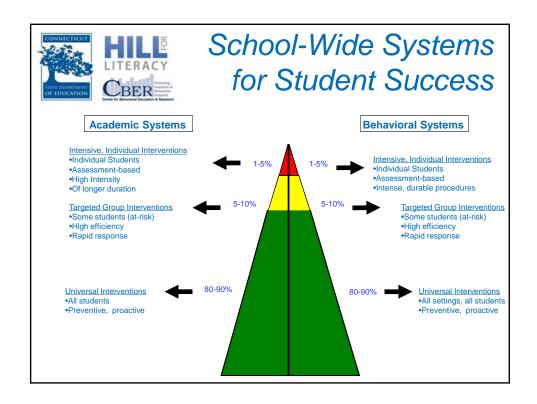


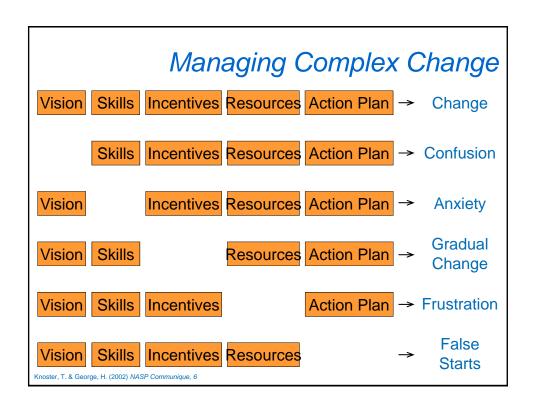
Elements of an Effective Model

- Set of goals
- Valid and reliable assessment system to monitor progress
- Adoption of research proven materials and programs
- Adequate, prioritized instructional time
- · Differentiated instruction, grouping, and scheduling
- · Strong instructional leaders maintaining focus and establishing support mechanisms
- An integrated system of research-based professional development and resource allocation.















Literacy Leadership Team

Members Principal District Administrator Teachers Reading Coach

Reading Coach
Specialists
Parents

Paraprofessionals





Challenges ...

Whenever a new initiative is introduced to a school a general approach is to "form a team/committee" ...

- Few resources, staff, time, etc.
- Duplication of effort with other initiatives
- Lack of clarity regarding purpose/outcomes
- Lack of priority
- Etc..

Sugai, 2004







Guiding Principles

Give highest priority to any groups that have:

- Data to support or justify their need and priority
- Measureable outcomes/objectives
- Specification of their target audience
- Alignment with school/district improvement goals
- "Full" (>80%) commitment/agreement of school staff
- Priority and support from administration

Sugai, 2004





Steps

- Identify all committees, teams, groups, etc..
 that have literacy improvement as part of all of
 their purpose
- 2. Characterize the main features of each committee
- 3. Evaluate how the committee organization of the school/district could be enhanced
- 4. Based upon this new/enhanced structure, develop an action plan for putting it in place.

Sugai, 2004

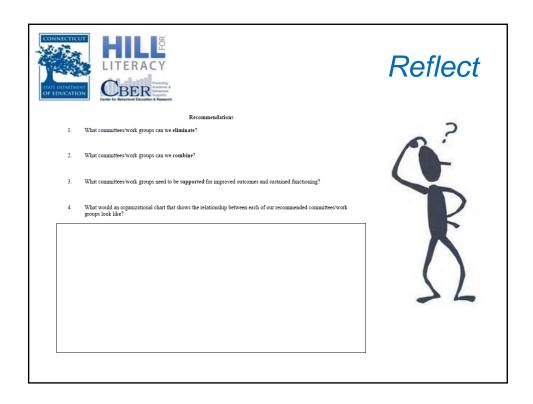


Self-Assess

Committee/Group Self-Assessment (DRAFT Sugai, April 26, 2004)

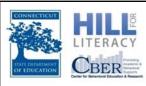
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Literacy Leadership Team

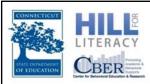
- Format
 - Monthly
 - Shared agenda and responsibilities
 - Dissemination of Notes more conversations



Reflection

- What are you hoping this leadership team will accomplish for your school?
- What do feel you can contribute to the process and the team?





Shared Vision

- What is a shared vision?
 - Read excerpt in Participant Handouts p.11
- Purposes for creating a shared vision
 - Addresses pent-up tensions over current problems and concerns
 - "Generative" conversation about hopes and desires for children
 - Actions recreate the school together with support from each other

From: Kotter, J.P. & Cohen, D.S. (2002). The Heart of Change". Harvard Business School Press, Boston



Get the Vision Right!

- What Works
 - Trying to see literally possible futures
 - Clear one minute/one page
 - Moving commitment to serving children
 - Bold strategies bold vision a reality
 - Carefully attend to pace of introducing change

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Get the Vision Right!

What Doesn't Work

- Assuming that logical plans and budgets are all that is needed
- Overly analytic, financially based vision exercises
- Visions of slashing costs anxiety producing and depressing
- Giving people numerous logical reasons why they need to create strategies that are bolder than ever before

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The Vision Thing

- "All vision is local vision." Tip O'Neill
- Regardless of the efficacy of the 'global vision,' each unit or team must develop their own vision which guides local action and to which people feel a strong sense of commitment.
- Our goal then is to develop a vision which is Clear, Aligned and to which we feel commitment.
- Timeframe: select something far enough into the future so that real progress is possible and measureable.
- Ask each team member to write his/her own vision statement and present to the group.
- The group identifies the key phrases or ideas with which they resonate.
- · Complete this process for everyone.
- Start to consolidate these 'vision' elements into the key elements for the group vision.
- Look for real differences in perspective, make them discussable, and let the group chew on them.
- Eventually select the critical elements for inclusion in the vision statement...don't wordsmith it yet
- Once the group agrees, to the elements, wordsmith it into effective language.
- Test the vision: it should be uplifting, set direction, and call for action.
- The true value in creating a vision statement is for the creators...it never feels the same
 to those who weren't in the room





Strategic Literacy Planning

Determine where the school is going over the next year or more, decide how it is going to get there, work on getting there and describe how it will know if it got there or not.



Literacy Plan

Goal 1: Establish a team of literacy leaders with a cohesive knowledge base on the leadership routines necessary to institute evidence-based literacy practices with in a tiered instructional model and that will provide on-site facilitation and establish sustainability for the initiative.

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<u>Priority Goal 2:</u> Collaborate with the district to implement research-based programs within a multi-tiered system of support framework.



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- Implement the teacher-led lessons during the small group block in response to student performance reports.
- Determine appropriate independent practice activities linked to instruction including technology-based programs and increasing opportunities for student to read independently or with a partner.
- Refine the delivery of current interventions for intensive students delivered during the intervention block (i.e., Imagine It intervention, EIR, ELL kit, RAVE-O, Lexia) including student engagement.
- Explore school-based interventions and additional interventions as alternative instruction for students not making adequate progress.





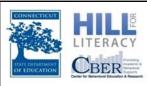
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Literacy Plan-Example

- Conduct trainings for coaches and one teacher leader on the literacy content modules using a train-the-trainer model.
- Conduct trainings for teachers and staff that build on the literacy content modules and ensure that instructional practices are internalized and evident in classrooms.
- Explore and adopt instructional practices that support instruction and enhance learning opportunities for English-language learners.
- Provide in-class coaching and support to link information from the workshops to classroom practice.





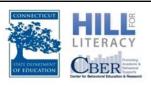
Priority Goal 4: Collaborate with the school leaders to establish a framework and process for using scientifically-based dynamic assessments to make instructional decisions at the district, school, grade, classroom and individual student levels.



Literacy Plan-Example

- Engage all teachers and staff in administering DIBELS Benchmark and Progress Monitoring Testing
- Train all teachers and staff to utilize the DIBELS Data System including data entry and generating reports for data meeting.
- Incorporate Lexia data into the assessment framework and data grouping workbook to determine instructional focus and student grouping.
- Determine and incorporate comprehension/vocabulary-district measures into data grouping workbooks.
- Refine Data Grouping Workbook Process
- Implement a gradual release of responsibility from External Coaches to Internal Coach and 1 other leader for facilitating the pre and grade level data meetings 5x per year.





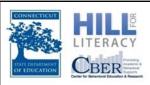
<u>Priority Goal 5:</u> Develop and implement a school-home/family model for student support



Literacy Plan-Example

- Provide training and resources to parents on data and how to support literacy development at home.
- Establish protocols for communicating with families about student progress.
- Design literacy activities for families to use home that will support classroom practices.
- Collaborate with technology trainers to train parents on how to access literacy activities and instruction through the web at home.





Team Work

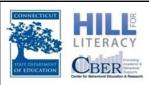
- Refine School Literacy Plan
 - Leadership Goal and Action Steps (Global)
 - Tiered Instruction Goal and Action Steps
 - Teacher Knowledge Building/PD Goal and Action Steps
 - Assessment Goal and Action Steps
 - Parent Engagement Goal and Action Steps



Necessary Leadership Structures & Teams

- Administrative Team
- School-Based Teams
- Grade Level Teams
- Literacy Coaching
- Data Manager
- Professional Development





Key Ingredients:

- School Schedules
- Interventionist Schedules
- Managing the Literacy Block
- Grade Level Team Meetings
- Data Meetings



Building the Model

School Schedules

Schedules should be based on what is best for academics not what is best for specialists or lunch

Academic Blocks:

- Literacy (Whole Group, small group, intervention)
- Math
- Writing
- Science/Social Studies

Teacher Collaboration/Meeting Time





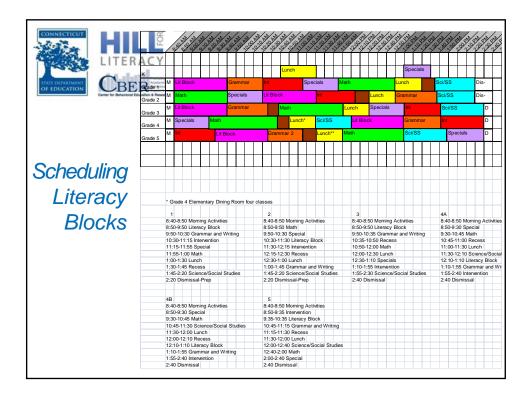
School Schedules continued

Intervention Blocks

- Literacy intervention 45 minute blocks
- Math

Creating Schedules:

- Begin with 1st grade and work up
- Grades 3-5 needs at least 30-45 minutes for literacy block before intervention block
- 1st grade intervention works well in the afternoon
- K-shorter intervention block (20-30 min)



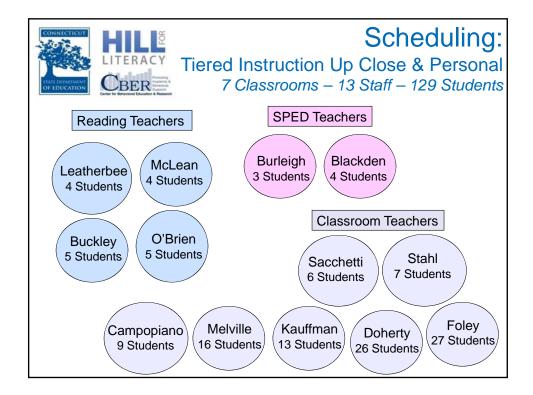




School Schedules continued

Intervention Schedules

- Identify total number of interventionists available at each grade level to deliver intervention.
- Identify total number of students requiring intervention at each grade level.
- Organize an intervention schedule.



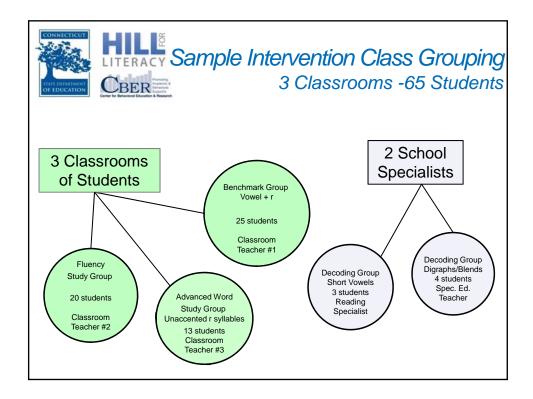




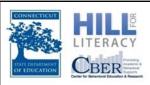
School Schedules continued

Special Education Schedules

- Organize special education IEP requirements for each student on a grid
- Create special education/intervention teacher schedules based on IEP requirements and intervention schedule







Grade Level Team Meetings

- Who: regular education teachers, interventionists that support that grade level, administration
- When: 1-2 x per month

Purpose:

- Improve Tier 1 implementation
- Improve alignment between Tier 1 and Tier 2 instruction
- Communication between grade level and literacy team



Building the Model

Data Meetings (grade level)

- Who: regular education teachers, interventionists that support that grade level, administration
- When: Every 10 Weeks (follow intervention schedule)

Purpose:

- Review progress monitoring data
- Make adjustments to intervention groups based on data



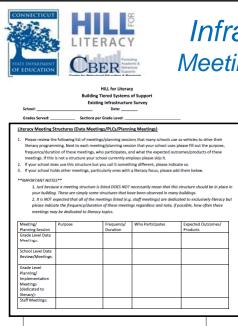




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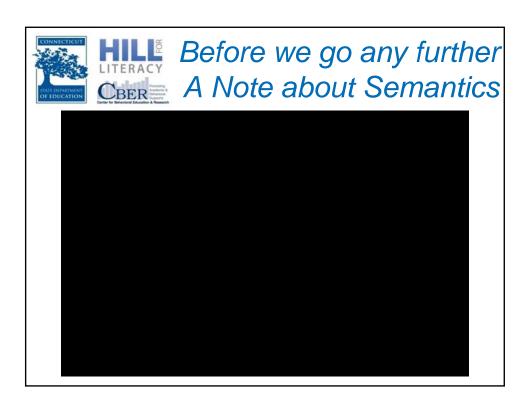
- People Resources
 - People that can serve as interventionists
 - Talents
 - Availability
- Scheduling
 - Literacy Block/Intervention **Block**
- **Determining Access** to Resources

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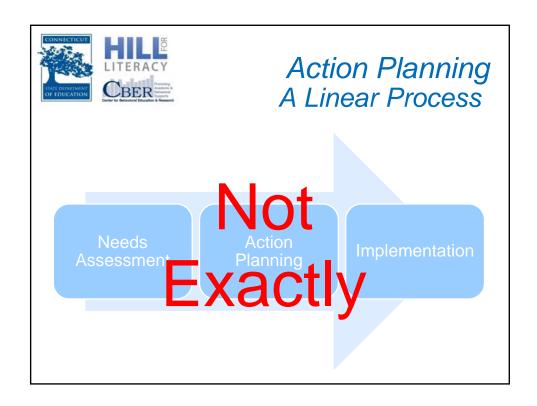
- Infrastructure Survey Meeting Structures & Time
 - Meetings are the vehicle for:
 - communication
 - collaboration
 - accomplishing work
 - ongoing professional development

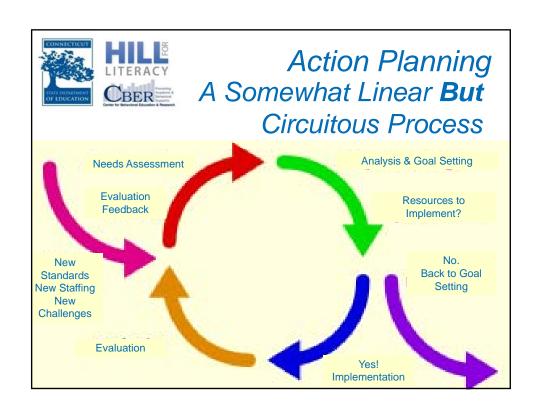




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Meeting/	Purpose	Frequency/	Who Participates	Expected Outcomes/	Products
Planning Session		Duration			
Grade Level Data Meetings:					
School Level Data Review/Meetings:					
Grade Level Planning/ Implementation Meetings (dedicated to literacy):					
Staff Meetings:					
Literacy PD:					
Problem Solving Meetings (CST, IST, etc.):	:				
Interventionist Meetings:					
Coach/Principal Meetings:					
Other:					











Activity Timeline

Activity Timeline 2015-2016

ue-Leadership, Pink-Instruction, Orange-PD, White-Assessmen

Date	Time/ Hours	Activity/Topic	Materials Needed	Facilitator	Attendees	Goal
8/25	1:00- 3:30	DIBELS Training	Training Materials	Cindy Kathy	Coaches Interventionists	4
8/25	1:00- 3:00	Principal Meeting	DLP Timeline PD Plan	Burns CK3LI Coaches	Principals and Coaches	1-4
9/15-9/25		DIBELS Next Testing	Testing Materials Stopwatches	Teachers	Students K-3	4
9/18	8:30- 12:00	Coaches Meeting	Calendars, Activity Timelines, SLP	CK3LI Coaches	Internal Coaches	1
9/21 & 9/28	3:00	Staff Meeting Kick-off at individual schools	Calendars Testing Schedules Reading Groupings	CK3LI Coaches ELA Coaches	Building Lit Team, Coach	1
9/20	3:00- 5:00	PD Session: Overview of PA Routines	PA Presentation	CK3LI Coaches	K-3	3
9/22	2:30	Supt. and Principals Meeting	DLP Activity Timeline	CK3LI Coaches	Principals	1
Week of 9/28		Data Entry Due Date	Data System	Coaches Teachers		4
Weeks of 10/6- 10/27		Fall PM Data Meetings	Workbooks, DDS reports	CK3LI Coaches ELA Coaches ICs	Teachers, Interventionists, SPED, RT	4
10/20	2:30	Principals meeting with Superintendent	DLP Activity Timeline Data Grouping Workbooks Instructional Goals	Dr. Garcia Darci	Elementary Principals	1



Building an Activity Timeline

- Backward planning approach
- Literacy Leadership Team Meetings
- Assessment:
 - Testing Windows (BOY, MOY, EOY)
 - Schedule Data Meetings (BOY, PM, MOY, PM, EOY)
 - District Data Review (BOY, MOY and EOY)





Building an Activity Timeline

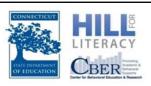
- Professional Development Time
 - Early release or full days devoted to literacy
- Parent Engagement Activities
- Implementation Meetings:
 - Follow-up meeting to data meetings focused on instruction
 - Monthly grade level implementation meeting focused on instruction within the tiered instruction
 - Monthly interventionists meetings focused on tiered instruction (primarily tier 2 and tier 3)



Team Work

- Build Activity Timeline for each Goal
- Organize by month
- Leave place holder for activity and confirm dates at leadership team meeting if needed.





What To Bring

- Presentation and Handouts (electronically or printed)
- Laptop or tablet
- Assessment framework or calendar



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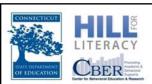
- PowerPoint presentation and handout packet (electronically or printed)
 - Download from HILL website: http://bit.ly/CK3LIMaterials
 - Password (case sensitive): HILLCK3LI





Monthly Emails

- Each month you'll receive a reminder email
- Must RSVP by a week prior to the training in order to reserve a boxed lunch.
 - RSVP through your dashboard on the HILL website



Evaluation

Feedback Survey Link:

http://bit.ly/CTC1Oct15Eval





"We are not where we want to be, We are not where we are going to be, But we are not where we were."

Rosa Parks