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TO: School District Superintendents
School Principals
Curriculum Coordinators
Secondary School Instructional Facilitators

FROM: Bob Bryant, GEAR UP Coordinator
Federal Programs/Educational Quality and Accountability Division

DATE: May 9, 2011

SUBJECT: Coaching for Student Success: A Literacy Conference for Secondary School Instructional Facilitators

TRAINING EVENT: COACHING FOR STUDENT SUCCESS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITATORS

The Wyoming Department of Education and GEAR UP Wyoming are hosting a literacy workshop for Wyoming secondary school Instructional Facilitators: Coaching for Student Success. This workshop will be held **Tuesday, June 21 and Wednesday June 22, 2011** on the Casper College campus.

GEAR UP Wyoming is sponsoring Diane Sweeney, a nationally known authority on student-centered coaching. GEAR UP Wyoming will also be providing a copy of Ms. Sweeney's book, *Student-Centered Coaching: A Guide for K-8 Coaches and Principals* (Corwin Press, 2010). Ms. Sweeney will focus on the methods, practices, and structures for building rigorous learning communities in secondary schools (grades 7-12). Further information is provided on the attached flyer.

Registration is open now to all secondary school Instructional Facilitators and must be completed online at the following website:

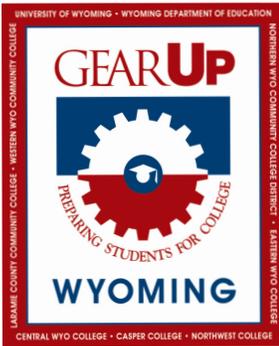
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This website is also included on the attached flyer. All participants pay for their other expenses, such as hotel, travel costs and meals. You are encouraged to take advantage of this powerful training that will enhance your coaching skills as you focus on strengthening teaching for improving student literacy skills for Wyoming students.

Please contact Bob Bryant with questions at (307)721-1946 or rbryan@educ.state.wy.us.

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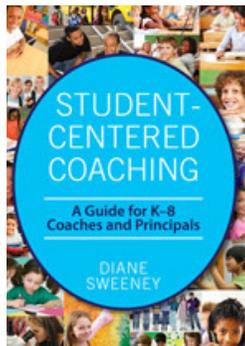
GAINING EARLY AWARENESS AND READINESS FOR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Coaching for Student Success

Sponsored by GEAR UP WYOMING in partnership
with the Wyoming Department of Education

This two-day training will:

- Discuss the philosophy and core practices for grounding teacher learning with direct evidence about student learning
- Help individuals learn more about the connection between standards, data, and coaching
- Explore the overlapping roles and expectations for district leaders, principals, coaches, and teachers to make the greatest impact in a coaching effort
- Investigate tools for measuring the impact of coaching on both students and teachers
- Learn the structures and practices for small group collaboration including learning labs, data teams, professional study, and the use of assessment walls



About the Facilitator:

Diane Sweeney is an author, educational consultant, and literacy coach. As the author of *Student-Centered Coaching: A Guide for K-8 Coaches and Principals* (Corwin Press, 2010) and *Learning Along The Way: Professional Development by and for Teachers* (Stenhouse,

2003), Diane holds a longstanding interest in how adult learning translates to learning in the classroom. As the founder of the educational consulting firm Spark Innovation (www.sparkinnovate.com), her work focuses on the methods, practices, and structures for building rigorous learning communities in schools.

Tuesday and Wednesday

June 21 and 22, 2011

8:00 am – 3:30 pm (lunch on your own)

Check-in will start at 7:30 am

Registration Fee: No charge

Materials:

Provided for participants

Who should attend:

Secondary Instructional Facilitators and Coaches

Location:

Casper College, Wold Physical Science Center
Room 103, Wheeler Auditorium
125 College Drive, Casper, Wyoming

Additional Information:

Contact Jillian Balow at jbalow@educ.state.wy.us
or (307) 777-8909

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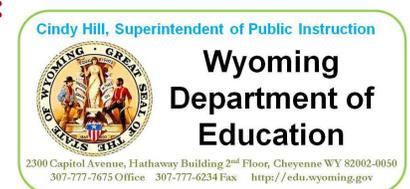
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Credit Information:

Professional Teaching Standards Board renewal and UW credit available pending approval.



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