Innovation Inspires Collaboration:
Exploring the Educational Landscape of Southeastern North Carolina in Challenging Economic Times

Featuring a presentation by U.S. Congressman Mike McIntyre
September 19th
Watson School of Education Building, Room 162
9:00AM-12:30PM

The Watson School of Education Professional Development System Office hosted a Southeastern North Carolina Regional Education Forum. This forum allowed district partners, representatives from community agencies, and WSE personnel to examine how these cuts have (or will) affect public education in our region. Future conversations with district partners will examine how extended collaborative efforts might encourage innovative practice. See page 2 for dates and times of online discussions.

Updates from the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction

Featuring Guest Speaker Dr. Angela Quick, Deputy Academic Officer, NC Department of Public Instruction
September 29th
Watson School of Education Building, Room 162
9:00AM-11:30AM

Dr. Quick will share information and updates on state policies and ongoing initiatives that are affecting PK-12 and higher education in North Carolina. In her role as Deputy Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Quick coordinates the state’s curriculum, technology, accountability, essential standards, and Race to the Top efforts. This forum has been organized by Deloris Rhodes. Please contact her at rhodesd@uncw.edu if you have additional questions.
Announcing Our Newest Partnership School....Cedar Grove Middle School in Brunswick County!

We are pleased to announce that Cedar Grove Middle School officially became a partnership school on September 21, 2011. Principal Rhonda Benton, other administrators, and faculty were on hand at 7:30 am to receive a warm welcome into the partnership by Cindy Wiseman, Director of Professional Experiences, and Donyell Roseboro, the PDS Director. Cedar Grove is our 128th partnership school. We look forward to many years of extended collaborative efforts with the Bulldogs!

Updates from the Office of Professional Experience

This fall, the Office of Professional Experiences has made 2300 field experience and 118 internship placements. In these placements, students get to see firsthand the work of our fabulous partnership teachers. We thank you in advance for modeling best practices in teaching and for helping our students learn how to communicate with children and families.

We extend our tremendous thanks to our school partners, and specifically our site coordinators, as these placements could not happen without their roles in our partnership.

Future Site Coordinator & Partnership Teacher
Meetings...Announcing Our New Virtual Classroom!

We have scheduled three additional site coordinator and partnership teacher meetings for the remainder of the year. These are intended to be support sessions where we share strategies for working with interns. Donyell Roseboro will also answer questions about field experience and internship requirements.

Tuesday, December 13th 4:00-5:00 pm
Lessons Learned—Coaching through the End of the Internship

Tuesday, January 17th 4:00-5:00 pm
New Beginnings—Starting the Semester with an Intern

Tuesday, March 6th 4:00-5:00 pm
Holding on for Dear Life—Working through the Middle of the Internship

To register, please use the following link.

Regional Education Summit Follow-Up
Virtual Workshops

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Tuesday, October 25th 4:00-5:30 pm
Classroom Instruction and Assessment—How are teachers teaching and assessing in innovative ways?

Thursday, October 27th 4:00-5:30 pm
Professional Development and Collaboration—How has your district or school worked to create transformative professional development opportunities?

Tuesday, November 1st 4:00-5:30 pm
Family Involvement and Collaboration—How has your district or school worked to create powerful relationships with families this year?

Thursday, February 9th 4:00-5:30 pm
Fostering a Spirit of Innovation—How is your district or school working collaboratively to sustain classroom and school-wide innovations?

Thursday, May 5th (Hybrid Session/ Tentative Date) 9:00 am-12:00 pm
Research Speaks—Education without Borders: Innovative Teaching and Learning in the 21st Century

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