# "LINKS" Library Integration Network Support

### WHAT'S NEW FOR 2008-2009?

- The LINKS (Library Integration Network Support) initiative is designed to provide school administrators and media specialists with a support system aimed at transforming school library media programs into 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning environments. LINKS will provide a collaborative "connection" through mentoring and support via accomplished media specialists with exemplary school library media programs.
- Using the ExC³EL Rubric (Expectations for Collaboration, Collections, and Connections to Enhance Learning), administrators and the media specialist review the school media program and identify strengths and areas that may need improvement.
- Measurable goals are written for underdeveloped areas of the program, and resources are identified to help address goals. If necessary, Learning Resources and Instructional Materials is available to support and identify additional resources to address the goals.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

• Provide release time for the media specialist in need of support to visit and observe other school library media programs

## WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

Student achievement may be adversely affected if the school library media program does not transition into a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning environment aligned with the school's mission and goals.

### WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

Principals, Media Specialists

### **HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?**

Via email on an as needed basis.

#### CONTACT

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