

# ALL "LINKS" LIBRARY INTEGRATION NETWORK SUPPORT

## WHAT'S NEW FOR 2009-2010?

- The LINKS (Library Integration Network Support) initiative was designed to provide school administrators, reading coaches, and media specialists with a support system aimed at transforming school library media programs into 21<sup>st</sup> century literacy learning environments that can support the work of reading instruction and achievement in reading and in other content area instruction. To complete the first phase of the LINKS cohort training, there will be three more, full-day sessions (September 9, October 28, and December 9, 2009) for existing LINKS coaches. LINKS will continue to provide a collaborative "connection" through a professional learning community of mentoring and support via accomplished media specialists, working with the school's reading coaches, to create a literacy learning hub centered within exemplary school library media programs.
- Using the ExC<sup>3</sup>EL 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.
- Collaborative partnerships and instructional planning between media specialist and reading coaches provide additional opportunities to support school-wide literacy goals aligned to the District's K-12 Reading Plan.
- LINKS Cadre Showcase, December 9, 2009, will feature exemplary school library media programs and best practices.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Provide release time for LINKS coaches (select media specialists and reading coaches) to attend the three full-day sessions scheduled for 2009-2010.
- Provide release time for any media specialist in need of support to visit and observe other school library media programs.
- Provide release time for all media specialists to collaborate with their school's reading coaches and literacy leadership team for planning professional development, mentoring, coaching, and school and classroom-based reading support activities.

## 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 literacy learning environment aligned with the school's mission and goals.
- Building a school-wide culture of collaboration and community of practice will be stifled.

## WHO NEEDS TO KNOW?

- Principals, Media Specialists, Reading Coaches/Reading Resource Specialists.

## HOW WILL YOU COMMUNICATE FOLLOW-UP?

- Via email, on an as needed basis.

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