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PROVIDENCE IN THE SPOTLIGHT: E-CUBED ACADEMY



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COMMISSIONER'S WELCOME

Dear Partners,
It's hard to believe that the new calendar year is upon us and we are nearly halfway through the school year!

I am proud of the work being done by the participating District Support Program LEAs. In fact, this past November, Central Falls presented their DSP "See The 3" intervention at the national Proving Ground Convening. Their team's work to improve outcomes for MLLs and to reduce chronic absenteeism is truly commendable.

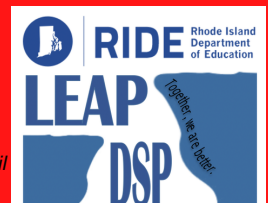
As many districts begin the budgeting process for next year, we want to remind DSP participants that it is imperative to submit timely reimbursement requests for all ESSERIII/DSP funds to ensure the district has a solid plan for spending down funds. Remember, your District Support Fellow is always here to assist!

Finally, with the recent accountability release, I encourage LEAs to remember the cycle of continuous improvement as they begin making sense of their assessment and accountability data. This is an opportunity to make sure school and district improvement plans align to areas of need (as outlined by your data), revisit goals, and begin to monitor the progress of your goals and the implementation of your initiatives and action steps. Additionally...

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The LEAP District Support Program (DSP) will support districts in accelerating learning post-pandemic through a multistep process that will dovetail the LEAP Task Force findings, RIDE's 2021-2025 Strategic Plan, and the state's District Accountability legislation to provide a centralized support mechanism for school districts.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT:

E-CUBED ACADEMY: EMPOWERING STUDENT SUCCESS

Under the dynamic leadership of Dr. Matthew Juda, Principal, and Kerri Giorgio, Assistant Principal, E-Cubed Academy stands as a model of success, exemplifying the importance of a robust climate and culture that serves as the cornerstone for student achievement and growth. In the halls of E-Cubed, culture and climate are not just buzzwords - they are the heartbeat of the campus.

The academy has experienced not only physical transformations but also a remarkable cultural shift, creating a nurturing environment that empowers staff and students, and propels them towards academic success and personal development. This positive change is reflected in the latest accountability release, where E-Cubed has progressed from a one-star to a two-star school.



Fostering a Student-Centered Community:

At the heart of E-Cubed is its unwavering commitment to students. Stepping into E-Cubed Academy, one is immediately embraced by a sense of welcome and joy. The school radiates a feeling of community and pride. Dr. Juda's leadership has fostered an environment where student voice and choice are not only acknowledged but actively integrated ...

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PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CORNER

Free, Self-Paced Professional Development

Rhode Island is a member of the WIDA Consortium, which allows access to free, self-paced professional development courses for all Rhode Island educators.

Topics include: ***Developing Language for Learning in Mathematics, Engaging Multilingual Learners in Science: Making Sense of Phenomena, Social Studies: Engaging Multilingual Learners through Inquiry***, and many more!

District/School MLL coordinators should have the ability to create user accounts for any school personnel who do not already have one. Contact [Amanda Turcotte](#) for questions.

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RIASP: Women in Leadership Book Club

Register for the March 21st Event and Receive Your Copy of Brene' Brown's ***Dare to Lead***. Registration includes a copy of the book and an invitation to a gathering of colleagues at Los Andes Restaurant.

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SHOUT OUTS!

Woonsocket

WED Innovation Specialists spent a week introducing students in the WHS Freshman Academy to the importance of the WED Competencies for Success, with a strong emphasis placed on Effective Communication....



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Central Falls

Last November, RI DSP members were invited to attend the Proving Ground Convening in New Orleans. The Central Falls delegation (Buddy Comet, Janelle Haire, and Patricia Martinez) presented to educators from around the country on their "See The 3" Initiative.



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INSIDE RIDE: DSP FELLOW DEB DIBIASE

Dr. Deborah DiBiase is a distinguished educator with an impressive 29-year career dedicated to the field of education. Her journey has encompassed various roles, including mathematics teacher, Mathematics Coach, Curriculum Coordinator, Principal, and Director of Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports (MTSS). Driven by a passion for empowering students and educators alike, she has consistently demonstrated leadership and commitment to educational excellence. Dr. DiBiase joined RIDE in September of 2023.



Which districts do you support?

East Providence, Newport and North Providence.

You have had a long and multi-faceted career. Can you describe a highlight or memorable moment?

The year of the pandemic graduation was memorable. It was a monumental task. We recorded speeches from students and building leaders. Our teachers put together fun videos that...

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