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KSDE Training Videos

Do not forget that we now have training videos available on the KSDE website. You can access them at the following link: <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=4682>. At this time, we have training videos on the Common Core standards and MTSS. This would be a great tool for administrators, curriculum staff and teachers to answer questions on these topics. We will add other training videos in the future.

Please note: The videos are quite large and may take a little time to buffer and pull down. Also, they may not start running right away, so you will need to push play. If you have difficulty in accessing the videos, please contact: Theresa Cote, tcote@ksde.org, (785) 296-2303.

KSDE Annual Conference

Extreme Makeover is the theme for the 2011 KSDE Annual Conference which will be held October 31 – November 2, 2011 at the Hyatt Regency/Century II. The KSDE Annual Conference focuses on school improvement and the continuous improvement of academic performance for all students. The conference will showcase Kansas school success stories as well as address some of our schools' most significant challenges for the future.

Call for proposals are due by May 31. Further details regarding call for proposals can be found at <http://events.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=463>. Notification of acceptance will be made via email by July 1. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Webb, swebb@ksde.org, 785-296-3784.

Conference registration is available online at: <http://events.ksde.org/default.aspx?tabid=534>. For further information regarding conference registration, please contact: Theresa Cote, Registrar, via email: tcote@ksde.org, (785) 296-2303.

MTSS

The MTSS Core Team has posted three new briefs on the Kansas MTSS Website.

- Required Practices for Implementation of MTSS Addressing Math
- Required Practices for Implementation of MTSS Addressing Reading
- Student Improvement Teams and the Multi-Tier System of Supports

These briefs may be accessed at <http://kansasmtss.org/resources.htm>.

SEEK

The KSDE Data Warehouse team has launched an upgraded interface to the SEEK (System for Education Enterprise in Kansas) dashboard. SEEK is available to district and school administrators via the Common Authentication webpage <https://online.ksde.org/authentication/login.aspx>. If you already have access to the existing dashboard your access will automatically roll over to the new dashboard. If you do not currently have access to SEEK, you can request access using the Manage My Account option available on the Web Applications menu page after you log in.

The new SEEK interface provides advanced features and flexibility including more filters, ability to export data and charts, and enhanced navigation for the Accountability, Achievement, Attendance, and Data Quality dashboards. Coming soon will be an additional dashboard featuring Key Performance Indicators for Educator data, as well as future enhancements to include High School Feedback Reports, Student Growth Percentile Dashboard, and Exit data key performance indicators.

For additional information about the SEEK dashboard, be sure to check out the User's Guide available for download directly from the main page of the site. Also, please take a moment when browsing the new site to click on the Dashboard Survey Link and give us your feedback. And last but not least, you can send specific questions about SEEK to this email address – seek@ksde.org.

Data Quality Certification Program Celebrates its 5th Anniversary

The DQC program began five years ago as a way for schools and districts to receive free professional development in the data-related aspects of state reporting while being recognized for their hard work. Four specialized tracks are offered for administrators, KIDS staff, office personnel, and assessment coordinators. This past school year, over 400 certifications were awarded to more than 150 districts in Kansas.

The DQC Program is celebrating its fifth anniversary by traveling to more than a dozen locations across the state: including Oakley, Liberal, Chanute, Topeka, Salina, Andover, Derby, Hutchinson, Haysville, Garden City, De Soto, and Wichita with more locations being planned. Registration for next year will open soon and will be announced via the KSDE listservs.

For more information, visit the DQC website: www.ksde.org/dqcprogram and join us in building a culture of quality data in Kansas. You may also email questions about the DQC program to Kateri Grillot at kgrillot@ksde.org.

eTranscript/Student Record Exchange

The Kansas State Department of Education has partnered with Docufide, Inc. to provide the secure exchange of student records between K-12 schools throughout the state and for high schools to send electronic transcripts to Kansas colleges and universities. This initiative is funded through a 3 year longitudinal data system grant awarded to KSDE by the Institute of Education Sciences. We are in the second year of the initiative, and 60 Kansas high schools are now sending transcripts electronically, with more going live each week. There are also 134 K-12 schools that are able to send student records electronically.

With eTranscript, students can send electronic transcripts to any college in a state which is part of the Midwest Higher Education Compact at no cost to them or their district. Those states are IA, IL, IN, KS, MI, MN, MO, ND, NE, OH, SD, and WI. The eTranscript and Student Record Exchange will save districts time and money. To learn more about the Kansas eTranscript initiative, please visit the website at <http://www.ksde.org/Default.aspx?tabid=3870>.

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