



GRO-O-GRAM

February, 2011

Your Opinion Counts!

A feature of the bi-monthly GRO-o-gram is to collect current opinion of educators. Every GRO-o-gram includes a polling question regarding a current education topic.

Current Question:

Do you think your district should have a goal to create common formative assessments?



Vote [HERE](#) to record your response and comments. Results will be shown in real time on the GRO Teaching and Learning Leadership Share Site.

Results and comments from all poll questions will be archived, making the information available to GRO patrons as they influence decision making.

Three Upcoming Professional Development Opportunities

Secondary Academic Showcase: Programs Producing Results

Thursday, April 14, 2011 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Location: TIES; 1667 Snelling Avenue North; Roseville, Minnesota

The Secondary Academic Showcase: Programs Producing Results is sponsored by the:

Minnesota Middle School Association (MMSA) and the

Minnesota Association of Secondary School Principals (MASSP)

In Partnership with

Grants & Research Office (GRO) of Intermediate District 287 &

Northeast Metro Intermediate District 916

Schools sharing their programs at the April 14, 2011 Secondary Academic Showcase will be announced in late February followed by registration.

Redefining Literacy for Career and College Readiness: Leading the Change

Featuring Lyn Kuzmich, Education Consultant and Author

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

District 287 Service Center

1820 Xenium Lane North

Plymouth MN 55441

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 3, 2011

www.prepcenter.org

Audience: Literacy Leaders, Curriculum Leaders, and K-12 Teachers

Learn key leadership actions to support staff collaboration, implementation and professional dialog that will support the successful implementation of literacy strategies at any level. These are the leadership skills that will enable you to raise achievement levels for all students.

TO REGISTER: visit **www.prepcenter.org** for online information and registration.

Building School Cultures of Integrity

Featuring Paula Mirk, Director for Education at the Institute for Global Ethics

Wednesday, May 4, 2011

8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

**District 287 Service Center
1820 Xenium Lane North
Plymouth MN 55441**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 4, 2011

www.prepcenter.org

Audience: K-12 Educators

The Institute for Global Ethics' day long, highly interactive workshop for building school cultures of integrity helps teachers, staff and administrators build awareness about why ethics matters, come together around their core ethical values and their common purpose in schools, and consider ways to forward ethics across their school culture.

Paula Mirk is the Director for Education at the Institute for Global Ethics. She has taught in a variety of settings both within the United States and abroad. She has worked with educators, business people, immigrant populations, college students, and young people from the primary grades through high school. Her interests revolve around global education and character building. Fluent in Spanish, Paula has delivered Ethical Fitness® Seminars and training in Central and South America. Paula holds a BA in literature and a Masters in Reading and Language Arts with an ESL emphasis. Recently, Paula published an article in *Principal Leadership* magazine titled, "Ethics by Example," which highlights the teachings from the Building School Culture™ Workshop.
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Are you searching for strategies to differentiate instruction in your classroom and sample lessons that apply these differentiated strategies to your curricular area?

If so, save yourself time and check out the resources at
http://www.grantsandresearchhelp.us/research/dif_instruction.asp and
http://www.grantsandresearchhelp.us/research/dif_samples.asp

Are you searching for information to help you write successful grants?

If so, for resources to support your grant writing efforts go to
<http://www.grantsandresearchhelp.us/grants/> to learn about funding sources and grant writing tips.

Do you have materials you would like to share with other educators through the GRO Online Curriculum Practices Clearing House?

- To access a variety of curriculum resources shared by other districts go to <http://www.grantsandresearchhelp.us/trends.asp>.
- To contribute exemplary curriculum, assessment, and instructional procedures, practices, programs, policies, and projects being in use in your district that you are willing to share with other educators, please send an e-mail with the appropriate attachments to Duane Udstuen, Applying Research to Practice Consultant at dhudstuen@district287.org

Are you searching for content and/or processes to enhance the value of your PLC?

If so, go to <http://www.grantsandresearchhelp.us/research/plc-resources.asp> for resources to enhance the value of the time you spend together in your PLC.

Are you searching for resources to support your grant writing efforts?

If so, go to <http://www.grantsandresearchhelp.us/grants/> to learn about funding sources and grant writing tips.

Are there other resources or services available to me from the Grants and Research Office (GRO)?

Yes, visit the Grants and Research website for additional resources on differentiated instruction, high school redesign, and evidence based curricular area research.

Why are you receiving this GRO-o-gram?

You receive this GRO-o-gram because you are employed by a member district of Northeast Metro 916 or Intermediate 287; or you have attended a GRO sponsored workshop; or you have requested to be on the GOG mailing list. If you no longer wish to receive the **Grants and Research Office GRO-o-Grams**, please reply to this email with "Unsubscribe" in the body of the message.

Do you have questions?

If so, please contact Duane Udstuen, Grants and Research Office (GRO) Consultant at dhudstuen@district287.org