



GRO-O-GRAM

January, 2012

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:

Does your school or district have evidence of the impact of technology on student learning?



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.

Searching for Professional Development Opportunities?

- **Recasting the Senior Year of High School:**
Model Programs that Foster Rigor, Relevance, and Engagement
Facilitators: Janice Dreis and Larry Rehage
When: Wednesday, February 22, 2012, 8:30–3:00 PM
Location: Intermediate District 287 Service Center, Plymouth, Minnesota

Flyer attached; more information and register online at
<http://www.prepcenter.org>

- **Topping Out the Test:**
Effectively Measuring Advanced Learners with NWEA MAPS
This will be a repeat of the very popular workshop presented December 9, 2011.
Facilitator: Les Perry, NWEA
When: Thursday, February 23, 2012, 8:30–3:00 PM
Location: Intermediate District 287 Service Center, Plymouth, Minnesota

Flyer attached; more information and register online at
<http://www.prepcenter.org>

Developing an Online Program for Your District:
Claiming Your Place in the Digital Future
When: Thursday, March 15, 2012, 8:30–3:30 PM
Location: Intermediate District 287 Service Center, Plymouth, Minnesota

Flyer attached; more information and register online at
<http://www.prepcenter.org>

Watch for these Spring, 2012 Workshops:

- **Secondary Academic Showcase: Programs Producing Results**
April 19, 2012
- **Building Rigorous Content Literacy in Grades 6-12:
Implementing the Common Core State Literacy Anchor Standards**
Featuring Elaine McEwan-Adkins and Allyson Burnett
May 9, 2012
- **Raising Literacy Achievement Through Balanced Literacy in**

Grades K-5

Featuring Elaine McEwan-Adkins

May 10, 2012

More information about these workshops will be in upcoming GRO-ograms and will be posted on the Grants and Research Office website: www.grantsandresearchhelp.us

[Minnetonka Summer Institute 2012](#)

- **Assessment and Leadership Conference**
Featuring Doug Reeves, James Popham, Anne Davies, and Bill Daggett
June 27-28, 2012
- **21st Century Learner and Change Conference**
Featuring Tony Wagner, Michael Fullan, Heidi Hayes-Jacobs
July 19-20, 2012

To registration for the Minnetonka Summer Institute conferences go to www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/tonkainstitute

Questions about the Minnetonka Summer Institute should be e-mailed to tonka.institute@minnetonka.k12.mn.us

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

What resources and services are available from GRO?

Visit the Grants and Research Office (GRO) website at <http://www.grantsandresearchhelp.us> for additional resources and professional development opportunities focusing on differentiated instruction, secondary school redesign, and evidence based research.

Why are you receiving this GRO-o-gram?

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Do you have questions?

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