



## GRO-O-GRAM

February, 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:

Do you think Minnesota's waiver from some NCLB requirements will lower expectations for students?



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?

- **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>

- **Secondary Academic Showcase: *Programs Producing Results***  
Featuring: Saint Louis Park, Anoka-Hennepin, and Easter Carver County Public School Districts  
When: April 19, 2012  
More information about this workshop will be included in upcoming GRO-ograms and will be posted on the Grants and Research Office website:  
[www.grantsandresearchhelp.us](http://www.grantsandresearchhelp.us)
  
- **Using the New English Language Arts Standards to Build Content Rigor, Grades 6-12**  
Implementing the Common Core College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for English Language Arts and Content Literacy as Adopted by the State of Minnesota  
Featuring Elaine McEwan-Adkins and Allyson Burnett  
When: May 9, 2012  
Location: TIES, St. Paul, Minnesota  
Flyer attached; more information and register online at  
<http://www.prepcenter.org>
  
- **Teach Them All to Read: *How to Design and Implement a K-5 Literacy Program That Addresses New Literacy Plan Requirements for Districts*** (MN Statute 120B.12)  
Featuring Elaine McEwan-Adkins  
When: May 10, 2012  
Location: Intermediate District 287 Service Center, Plymouth, MN  
Flyer attached; more information and register online at  
<http://www.prepcenter.org>

### **[Minnetonka Summer Institute 2012](#)**

- **Assessment and Leadership Conference**  
Featuring Doug Reeves, James Popham, Anne Davies, and Bill Daggett  
June 27-28, 2012
  
- **21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.minnetonka.k12.mn.us/tonkainstitute)

Questions about the Minnetonka Summer Institute should be e-mailed to  
[tonka.institute@minnetonka.k12.mn.us](mailto: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](mailto: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?**

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) Applying Research to Practice Consultant at [dhudstuen@district287.org](mailto:dhudstuen@district287.org)