



NATIONAL TITLE I ASSOCIATION

a National Association of State Title I Directors

The **Effective Programs & Quality Outcomes Committee** meeting was held via conference call on **Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 2:00PM EST, 1:00PM CST, 12:00PM MST, 11:00AM PST, 10:00AM AKST.**

Participating in the call were: Jack O'Connor (MT); Mike Radke (Co-chair—MI); Karen Seay (ID) with Kathy Gauby, Title I Coordinator (ID); Bernell Cook, (LA); Nazanin Mohajeri-Nelson (CO); Tina McKnight (MD); Jane Notmeyer (CA—A+ Events) and Bob Harmon (NASTID CEO—WA).

AGENDA

1. Review [Strategic Plan for 2016](#) Work

In the Strategic Plan, Mike reviewed Goal 1, Strategy 1: *Develop and conduct research related to Distinguished Schools, Grant dependent* and, Goal 2, Strategy 3: *Produce Title I Distinguished Schools audio podcasts and videos for the Association website.*

2. Discuss the Impact of Title I Services on Student Achievement

Mike asked the group if anyone could share some hard data on the impact of Title I programs on student achievement. The response from the majority of the group was that the information is mainly anecdotal in nature, but the thought is that the programs are making a difference. Karen mentioned their monitoring process of asking principals and teachers how, for instance, additional staff meet the needs of students and support student achievement. Bernell and Tina also agreed they have no hard data, but anecdotally believe a difference is being made in student achievement. Mike shared his continuous struggle with how Title I intervention(s) correlate to the hypothesis that Title I is making a difference and as Bob mentioned, year-to-year achievements may or may not be due to Title I. Bernell suggested a comparison of those programs that are receiving funds already and to follow their progress. Tina mentioned that the Title I funds lose identity from Title I to student achievement.

Nazie mentioned the difficulty developing causal relationships in Title I funded high performing schools and what factors show programs are making a difference. Colorado's study looked for high achieving commonalities across 5 schools and applied 8 common practices in high performing schools to lower performing schools to identify and isolate progression. Nazie is sharing the results of their study with Bob who will distribute to the group.

3. NASTID's Distinguished Schools Program (How can we increase the number of states participating and the number of schools identified and represented?)

Bernell asked what we are doing with the information gathered from DS. Bob said we have gathered information but that's all at this time. Bob will send the DS questions to the group to analyze and will keep this on the agenda. The current question was how we can increase the number of states participating.

Tina said Maryland was presenting a banner of recognition at a school assembly. Mike said Michigan uses state admin funds to support a team of 3 to attend the national conference every year. Mike asked how many states had schools that did not participate this year. Montana and Colorado could not afford to use admin funds...

4. Discuss the Annual Evaluation of Programs (ESSA follows NCLB requiring annual evaluation of programs. Michigan has developed a tool for program evaluation that is helping schools reflect on what works/ doesn't work to accelerate student achievement and why. It can be found [here](#).

It was suggested that all committee members should review this evaluation to discuss at next meeting. Mike said that schools over the course of a few years are seeing significant gains in achievement. This evaluation tool will be a focus of the next meeting.

5. Discuss Pilot Distinguished Schools Survey (see page 220 - 221 of link to [ESSA](#) Sec. 4611 Grants for Education Innovation and Research) as a possible funding source for the pilot [Distinguished Schools survey](#).

As meeting had to end, there will an update on the pilot project during the next meeting. Bob also reminded everyone in the group to view the videos and send feedback to him with improvement suggestions and any recommended edits by the end of the week.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 2:00PM EST, 1:00PM CST, 12:00PM MST, 11:00AM PST, 10:00AM AKDT.

Meeting Schedule (every fourth Tuesday)—Please mark your calendars.
March 2016 through December 2016—all meetings will be held 2:00PM ET, 1:00PM CT, 12:00PM MT, 11:00AM PT & MST, 10:00AM

MAR 22 2016		AUG 23 2016	
APR 26 2016		SEP 27 2016	
MAY 24 2016		OCT 25 2016	
JUN 28 2016		NOV 22 2016	
JUL 26 2016		DEC 27 2016	
