



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, March 28, 2017 at 2:00PM EDT, 1:00PM CDT, 12:00PM MDT, 11:00AM PDT.**

Participating in the call were: Mike Radke (Co-chair—MI); Jack O'Connor (MT); Otistene Smith (AR); Kathy Gauby (ID); Jeff Arch (CA—A+ Events); Jeri Erickson (CA—A+ Events); Bob Harmon (WA—A+ Events) and Marcus Cheeks (MS—A+ Events)

- 1. Discuss and share information about how states can support Distinguished Schools since the set aside for awards is no longer part of the Title I allocation model. The outcome would be suggestions that could go out to states on how to support Distinguished schools and also to talk about getting more states represented at the national conference.**

Mike opened the discussion by asking about set asides for schools to encourage states to identify Distinguished Schools and provide funds to go to annual conference.

Jack stated that Montana will use re-allocated funds approved by Office of Public Instruction set asides for special projects.

Cathy mentioned that she has not talked to the Idaho fiscal people. Idaho previously funded travel and registration costs for DS attendees, but currently does not have funds available to send schools to the conference.

Otistene mentioned that Arkansas used to provide funds for two people to attend (conference registration, travel, hotel, food.) Arkansas did not nominate any schools this year due to a time crunch with the Blue Ribbon panel.

Mike stated that some Distinguished Schools don't have state support funding, and that this is one of the barriers to having better DS participation.

Jack suggested that we might be able to utilize unused school improvement funds.

Mike asked for ideas for overcoming barriers to funding. Many states had re-calculated accountability data too late to make a decision. Otistene had this issue in Arkansas with competing deadlines with the Blue Ribbon panel.

Mike asked if there is any way to reduce the competition?

Bob mentioned that several states did not participate due to new state-level assessments and accountability systems and their desire to have 2 years of data on the same assessment before naming Distinguished Schools.

Bob and Mike agreed to create document to go out to all committee members to discuss barriers to DS participation.

Kathy mentioned that another barrier is that some states have had a great deal of turnover in their Title I Departments and information about the DS program does not necessarily get passed on to the new team members.

2. Explore Goal 3 of the Strategic Plan: Produce Title I Distinguished Schools audio podcasts and videos for the Association website, if deemed useful and cost effective.

Jeff provided the cost of recording interviews in Houston and some analytic data indicating that very few people have watched or listened to the DS interviews. Information is included here for reference:

Distinguished School Podcasts:

[PODCAST: 2015 Distinguished School Interview: Wilmer Elementary](#) 8/9/16: 20 views.

[PODCAST: 2015 Distinguished School Interview: Courtade Elementary](#) 8/9/16: 14 views.

Distinguished School Videos:

[2015 Distinguished Schools: Instructional Reading & Math](#) 8/9/16: 9 views.

[2015 Distinguished Schools: Family & Community Engagement](#) 8/9/16: 21 views.

DS videos produced by ReadyRosie were in-kind sponsorship so no cost to us.

Total cost for DS audio interviews for podcasts - \$5,514.10 (includes equipment: \$2,004.80; labor: \$3,340.00; consumables: \$80.19; tax: \$89.11)

General discussion about the video and podcasts determined there is no cost benefit to this type of content.

Jack suggested that we consider inviting some DS to present at the conference. Mike agreed and suggested sending out invitations to DS schools.

3. Discuss moving our April 25 meeting time to 11am EDT so Chad Lochmiller from Indiana University can participate.

All agreed to move the April 25 meeting to 11am EDT to accommodate Chad Lochmiller's schedule. Bob stated that we have an agreement in process with Chad to engage in research on behalf of the National Title I Association.

Mike asked how we can plant the seed on how to get more legitimate research or data showing Title I as effective. The time has never been more urgent.

Bob asked that committee members' ideas and thoughts be sent to Mike and him.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 11:00AM EDT, 10:00AM CDT, 9:00AM MDT, 8:00AM PDT & MST (special time).

Meeting Schedule (every fourth Tuesday)—Please mark your calendars. May 2017 through December 2017—all meetings will be held 2:00PM ET, 1:00PM CT, 12:00PM MT, 11:00AM PT & MST, 10:00AM AKT

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MAY 23 2017		SEP 26 2017	
JUNE 27 2017		OCT 24 2017	
JULY 25 2017		NOV 28 2017	
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