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DATE: January 31, 2012
TO: CESA School Improvement Staff, CESA Administrators
FROM: Judy K. Sargent, Ph.D., CESA 7 *JKS*
SUBJECT: Curriculum Companion Certification Training
cc: Sheila Briggs, Rebecca Vail, Emilie Amundson, Mike Thompson, Tony Evers, DPI

Dear Colleagues,

Since June 2010, all twelve CESAs have been actively rolling out Common Core Standards with educators throughout Wisconsin. Common professional development services and processes such as Common Core “Investigations,” “Deeper Study” and utilizing unpacking with the “StandardsInsight” tool have provided multiple points of entry into the standards. These services, coupled with customized services throughout the CESA regions, are working to ensure that teachers and their students will meet the challenges of college and career readiness as well as preparedness for the Smarter Balanced Assessment System and accountability reform.

Now, we are pleased to announce that all 12 CESAs are collaborating and partnering in this next important phase of implementation of the Common Core State Standards—implementing the Common Core Curriculum Companion. The Companion will provide the scope and sequence that organizes the core standards in meaningful ways for teaching and learning, and prepares districts for important local work.

To ensure high quality implementation of the Companion, CESA 7 staff is providing Curriculum Companion Certification Training for content staff in all CESAs. Two opportunities are provided in March 2012 for staff to attend Certification Training, which is provided at no cost for Wisconsin CESAs. It is important that CESAs assign staff for this project who will be expected to “roll-out” the Companion in their respective regions through effective professional development. It is recommended that CESAs assign at least two content leaders (one for ELA and one for Math) who will be able to fulfill the following:

Responsibilities of Certified Trainers

1. Fully attend 2.5 days of CESA 7 Curriculum Companion Certification Training in their respective content areas.
2. Have experience and expertise in the content area they will be facilitating (ELA or Math).
3. Demonstrate a solid understanding of the Common Core Standards in their content area (ELA or Math).
4. Demonstrate a positive attitude about change and the opportunities brought by the Common Core standards.
5. Work comfortably with educator teams in assigned grade bands.
6. Able to facilitate and motivate groups of educators to do new and important work.
7. Implement the Curriculum Companion with fidelity.
8. Provide assistance to districts in customization and input of local resources on a schedule that meets regional needs.
9. Offer and provide ongoing feedback to the SIS group regarding implementation of the Companion.
10. Attend periodic statewide Curriculum Trainer feedback meetings by content area.
11. Facilitate one-day ELA and Mathematics “Boot Camps” (in workshop or onsite formats) for curriculum leaders who have a licensed Companion agreement following CESA 7 guidelines and materials.
12. Conduct equivalent of 4-Day Curriculum Camps for local teacher teams by grade bands: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 following CESA 7 guidelines and materials in workshop and/or onsite formats.
13. Continue to support implementation of Curriculum Companion as needed by regional districts.

The following information provides details about the Curriculum Companion Certification Training with an attached registration form to complete.

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CESA 7 Mission: *Providing collaborative leadership and service*

Curriculum Companion Certification Training: *Two optional trainings are provided in March 2012.*

Curriculum Companion Certification Training

Select Mathematics or English Language Arts
 March 21-23, 2012
 Radisson Hotel, Green Bay, WI
 8:00 Check-In
 8:30-4:00 Training *(No Cost, Lunch Provided)*
(morning only on Day 3)

Curriculum Companion Certification Training

Select Mathematics or English Language Arts
 March 28-30, 2012
 CESA 2, Whitewater, WI
 8:00 Check-In
 8:30-4:00 Training *(No Cost, Lunch Provided)*
(morning only on Day 3)

Agenda

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
English Language Arts A.M. Session	Foundations and Purpose Roles/Expectations Opportunities Definitions Background ELA Standards Approach to ELA ELA Structure	Review, Q and A High School Modules, continued Introducing Grades 6-8 Modules Year-Long Maps Examining Modules by OEU Grade 8 Modules & Genres Grade 7 Modules & Genres Grade 6 Modules & Genres	Discussion, Q and A One-Day Boot Camps 4-Day Curriculum Camps Onsite district work District Licensing & Access Certified Trainer Forums & Periodic Meetings Feedback Mechanisms
English Language Arts P.M. Session	Introducing the Tool Software Access Administrative Functions Navigation Customization Functions High School ELA Curriculum OEU s/Year-Long Maps Exploring Modules & Genres Course Strategies Gradual Release Approach Exit & Reflection	3-5 Reading Foundation Standards Workshop Model Examining Grades 3-5 Modules Grade 5 Modules & Genres Grade 4 Modules & Genres Grade 3 Modules & Genres Grades K-2 Reading Foundations Grade 2 Modules & Genres Grade 1 Modules & Genres Grade K Modules & Genres Exit & Reflection	
Mathematic A.M. Session	Foundations & Purpose Roles/Expectations Opportunities Definitions Background Math Standards/Expanded Unpacking Approach to Mathematics Mathematics Structure	Review, Q and A High School Modules, continued Introducing Grades 6-8 Modules Learning Progressions 6-12 Year-Long Maps Grade 8 Modules & CFAs Grade 7 Modules & CFAs Grade 6 Modules & CFAs	Discussion, Q and A One-Day Boot Camps 4-Day Curriculum Camps Onsite district strategies District Licensing & Access Certified Trainer Forums & Periodic Meetings Feedback Mechanisms
Mathematics P.M. Session	Introducing the Tool Software Access Administrative Functions Navigation Customization Functions High School Math Curriculum Course Pathways/Maps Exploring Modules Standards Categories Exit and Reflection	K-5 Mathematics Domains Examining Grades 3-5 Modules Grade 5 Modules & Focal Points Grade 4 Modules & Focal Points Grade 3 Modules & Focal Points Grades K-2 Reading Foundations Grade 2 Modules & Focal Points Grade 1 Modules & Focal Points Grade K Modules & Focal Points Exit & Reflection	

Common Core Curriculum Companion Certification Training

CESA Intent Form

Circle Your CESA Number Below:

CESA 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

Directions:

1. Please list (print clearly) the names of content leaders in the corresponding column below on behalf of your CESA region. These leaders will need to meet the “Responsibilities of Certified Trainers” (page 1 of this letter) and fully attend the Certification Training.
2. FAX this form to Nancy Schlies at CESA 7 to 920-617-5687 by March 1, 2012. (PH 920-617-5613)
3. Instruct each content leader who will be certified to formally register on the CESA 7 website at www.cesa7.org before March 5.

CESA MATHEMATICS CONTENT LEADERS To attend Certification Training as assigned by the CESA		CESA ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS CONTENT LEADERS To attend Certification Training as assigned by the CESA	
March 21-23, 2012	March 28-30, 2012	March 21-23, 2012	March 28-30, 2012

It is the commitment of our CESA to meet regional training needs with the Curriculum Companion through the content leaders indicated above.

CESA AdministratorDate

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