

From November 3<sup>rd</sup> email sent by Jeff Hawkins

Friends,

I hope this e-mail finds you well and making the adjustment from Autumn to Winter.

There is A LOT going on right now and the bullets below don't nearly take into consideration everything that we're all engaged in but may help to frame some of the activities taking place in the next couple of weeks from a regional ARI perspective.

- The next ARI Innovation Coordinator Day is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 12th** in Magoffin County. THIS is a **very important** meeting for everyone to attend and your participation is a USDE expectation.

A preliminary agenda includes:

- Updates on District Innovations/Progress/Next Steps
- Speed Round Wishes and Pluses De-brief on PP Summit and connection to Action Research Summit
- IPAD I Movie Production workshop by Bryan Auxier
- Christopher Epling Presentation
- Presentation by John Ashurst on Middle Grades Next Gen Math Digital Learning Framework and implementation plan/Math teacher cohort selection for the ARI region
- Update on Icurio/Knowvation collaboration
- Presentation by Hought Mifflin on Digital Conversion of instructional Resources
- Tech Updates by Andrew Castle and Paul Green
  - Preview of practitioner led Instructional Technology training
- Preview of December 10th Strategic Data Project/Harvard School of Education workshop and working session – our December IC meeting will be held in collaboration with this session.
- Preview of upcoming regional training sessions that include:
  - Strategic Data Project – December 10th
  - Personalized Learning “Revelation” Workshop
  - School Culture Training
    - Students
    - Educators
  - Bridges Out of Poverty Workshop (Ruby Payne)
  - Data Analysis Workshops
  - Grit and Persistence toward a Goal – Angela Duckworth/Alice Ray
  - Action Research Summit
- I have asked our regional ARI staff to spend as much time in districts and schools during the next few weeks as possible. It is very important that we build on the momentum toward cross district collaboration that is underway. ARI staff should contact you to coordinate the visits to your district and schools. When those visits occur – make an effort to see and talk to those teachers who presented at the Promising Practices Summit and offer encouragement and support. They truly represented some of the best teaching taking place in our state.
- I am attaching an article Jennifer Carroll sent titled “The Missing Link In School Reform.” It contains some very interesting insights that have informed our work in the past and are very pertinent in current conversations.

- Visit the HOLLER and post a comment supporting the powerful work underway collectively or individually - or - post a link to a topical article that might prompt folks to grow or consider a strategy they never thought possible before now.
  - It is VERY important to remember that The Holler is an evolving Platform for learning and we are all developers and contributors to its ultimate potential.
  - We all need to contribute to its design and implementation.

I have a particularly busy upcoming week.

I will be in the office for a few hours this morning before going to Harlan County.

I will be in the office for a few hours on Tuesday before meeting with the SDP folks

I will be out of the office Wednesday – Saturday working through several different components of our combined ARI and KVEC initiatives and will most likely only be able to communicate during the evening or early morning hours.

I hope your week is off to a great start and that it improves each day.

Jeff