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From the President

Jackie Blosser

Amazing how quickly the weather changes! It seems like just yesterday we were wearing short sleeves enjoying warm sunshine. On a recent weekend trip to the Cleveland area there was actually snow on the ground. I guess it is time to pack those short sleeved blouses away and dig out the sweaters. It won't be long and we will be in the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. Besides the changes in weather we are also experiencing many changes in education which keep us all very busy. OAASFEP hopes that our Fall Conference assisted you in managing the many changes and allowed you to continue to be a "Leader for Learning".

I would like to thank all of you who took the time out of your busy schedule to attend the OAASFEP Fall Coordinators Conference "Leaders for Learning." Whether you were one of the many new coordinators who joined us for the Pre-Conference Sessions, spent a day with us, or were able to be with us for the entire conference, I am confident that you walked away with new information useful to your position. I am grateful that Dr. Richard, Mr. Marks, and the ODE staff are willing to partner with OAASFEP and present at the conference to share their knowledge first hand and answer questions. Thank you to ODE for your continued support and for all you do to ensure we can be effective and efficient leaders in our districts. Thank you to all of our keynote presenters, ODE presenters, and workshop presenters for sharing your expertise with us. Attendance at the OAASFEP Conference is a great way to gain valuable knowledge on the latest happenings in State and Federal Programs and network with other Ohioans in similar roles.

If you were able to attend the Fall Conference, I encourage you to take the time to complete the survey you received through Survey Monkey. It only takes a few minutes to complete and provides the conference planning committee with valuable feedback used to plan future conferences. If you have additional feedback or suggestions to improve the conference you are encouraged to contact an OAASFEP Board Member through the OAASFEP website at www.oaasfep.net

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Leaders for Learning

2013 OAASFEP Fall Coordinators Conference

October 15-17, 2013

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“The keynote speakers were some of the best I have ever heard.” One of the comments received from a coordinator or administrator who attended the 2013 OAASFEP Fall Coordinators Conference. For the new or veteran coordinator of ESEA Title I and other federal programs, the continued learning from the annual Fall to Spring Conferences is critical due to the depth of information to learn and the continued guidance documents published from either the Ohio Department of Education or from the US Office of Education. In addition, the high turnover of coordinator positions in many school districts intensifies the extent of training needed for the new coordinator for Title I or other programs. Our registration data revealed that about 38% were brand new coordinators or had less than 2 years experience in federal programs. To assist them, the planning committee offered, again this year, a full day (Tuesday, October 15th) pre-conference offering learning sessions given over a six hour block of time. New coordinators expressed support for the New Coordinator Academy as it gave them more time to gather and learn the new information and be not so overwhelming for them.

Five general sessions with four keynote presenters provided stimulating, informative and research based practices related to school improvement, and quality leadership to impact student achievement. The opening general session keynote presenter on Tuesday evening was Dr. Bob Ash who discussed the leadership traits taught to him by his mother and grandmother back in Indiana. Funny at times, his lessons and stories contained the elements of honor, character and integrity still essential for the leader of any school or school district in Ohio. Preceding him on the podium was Dr. John Richard, the Senior Executive Director, Center for Accountability & Continuous Improvement. Dr. Richard praised the relationship that the Ohio Department of Education has with the OAASFEP organization and the work that we are doing to serve Ohio’s school districts. He stated, that we “have to believe that even the most difficult student still cannot fail.” He challenged the leaders to believe in student potential, and to be bold and courageous.

At the second general session on Wednesday morning, Jeremy Marks, the new Director of the Office of Federal Programs, addressed the group. He shared that he believes in local flexibility to improve efficiency and student outcomes. Their job at Federal Programs is to make local jobs easier. Jeremy gave an overview of some new legislative bills and funding including the Straight A, Third Grade Guarantee, and the state initiatives for the federal waivers. The keynote presenter, Pete Hall, a principal from Spokane Washington reflected on and discussed the “conditions of successful schools”. These included strong leadership, “simplicity” or pick something to focus upon, investment in human capital and a sense of professional collaboration. Pete challenged the leaders to “Always strive to be a better you!” As to goals, he stressed the importance of looking at our own results, and determine what is working? “No such thing as good enough...” should be the stance of every principal or district leader.

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Leigh Manasevit, Esq., Washington D.C., returned as the keynoter at the Wednesday noon General Session III, **Recent Developments on the Education Front in Washington DC**. Leigh reminded us again that ESEA reauthorization is not on the table, unlikely to see it in 2013 as it simply is not a priority in Washington. No one knows when it will happen. Leigh first discussed the “Supercircular Redux” ...which is not finalized yet, but will create administrative and fiscal changes in how we manage our federal programs. He then briefly discussed the “Community Eligibility Option” to determine school or school district poverty using the free or reduced lunch program. It would essentially make 100% of the students eligible for the lunch program for those high poverty school districts while providing greater simplicity and consistency. Leigh also discussed changes in Maintenance of Effort for school districts and time and effort reporting; none of these are solidified yet. Also, Leigh touched on inventory control and possible waiver renewal requirements. He anticipates that waiver renewal will include specific issues that are performance-oriented, such as closing the gap or subgroup achievement. What will happen to the many state waivers that have been granted if and when we get ESEA reauthorization? Leigh indicated that the US Office of Education does not know the answer to that question yet.

The final keynoter on Thursday morning was Dr. Joseph Martin, an outstanding educator and author who gave a long remembered and heartwarming address. He reminded us of the one chance we have, the power that we have...to touch the lives of children. “Teachers are the answer to a kid’s success. They are the chosen ones!” Dr. Martin talked about the crisis we now have in America...losing 47% of our young teachers who leave the teaching profession annually. Dr. Martin spent a considerable amount of time outlining his childhood and school years living in the slum area of Miami Florida. He grew up thinking his goal was simply to be alive. He reminded us of our purpose, our mission...it’s not about us! It is all about touching the lives of children. We can’t just focus on programs, politics, procedures or budgets....we cannot lose sight of our real purpose, we matter. He reminded us all, that we have the power; we have the “calling”. I am confident that those in the audience will long remember this touching keynote address that was so captivating and emotional.

This annual Fall Coordinators Conference also included 22 learning sessions that centered on the improvement process, the CCIP application, SI grants, serving students with disabilities, the LEP student, financial management, serving nonpublic students, and other critical sessions that impact student learning. The expert and very knowledgeable presenters from the Ohio Department of Education, school districts, and other educational agencies provided the required legal requirements pertaining to a wide range of topics as well as the research based practices and strategies to implement at the school building or district level.

The OAASFEP Board extends a special thank-you and appreciation to all of the keynote and learning session presenters! Sincere appreciation is given to Dr. John Richard, Jeremy Marks, the Consultants from the Office of Federal Programs, and other ODE educators for their continued support in the planning and delivery of these critical learning events for coordinators of federal programs. Special thanks to each member of the OAASFEP Board, and to Carl Evans (my awesome helper) for their dedicated support at this conference. And thank you to all the participants...we hope that we have helped you in your journey of understanding federal programs. We must never forget, our work must focus on the students, especially those students most in need. See you at the 2014 Spring Conference. We promise that the program will be filled with many outstanding national and international educators with outstanding presentations for your professional learning. ♦

Bill Bogner
Conference Facilitator/Planner

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OAASFEP is, again this year, offering a scholarship opportunity and we encourage our OAASFEP members to nominate a qualifying candidate who is a current high school senior planning to major in education. The application was included in the Fall Conference program and is also available on our website.

Thank you to Bill Bogner and Carl Evans for all of your work in planning and preparing for another successful conference. Thank you to the OAASFEP Board Members and Committee Chairs for your continued support and commitment to the organization.



Jackie Blosser
OAASFEP President

Plan now to attend the 2014 OAASFEP Title I/Federal Programs Spring Conference “All Learners, America’s Future” April 2-4, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency Greater Columbus Convention Center. Keynote speakers for this conference will include Mark Anthony Garrett, Jan Chappuis, Jack Berckemeyer, and Dr. Peter Johnston. This promises to be an informative and inspirational conference for all attendees.

If you or someone you know would like to share what is working in your district with other conference participants please consider presenting at our conference. The Call for Presenters Form is located on our website and is due back December 1, 2013. There are many good things happening in education in Ohio and we can all benefit by sharing these with each other.

As time continues to pass by ever so quickly, remember to take the time to make the most of it. Through all of the challenges that come our way in the ever changing world of education, let’s continue to support each other and work together to make a difference in the lives of Ohio students. ♦

MARK YOUR CALENDERS: *Continued Learning Opportunities...*

April 2-4, 2014

Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2014

March 17-19, 2015

October 12-14, 2015

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Witness NAFEPA

Dr. Everett Mann

At a recent seminar by Dr. David Fitch on mission, he talked about how being a witness can create space for conversations where new things can emerge. Although he was using these terms in a religious context, I believe they fit for the work we do in education and what NAFEPA is about. NAFEPA provides opportunities where that space between state and federal levels can be identified, discussed and bridged.



Dr. Everett Mann
NAFEPA

In the next several months, NAFEPA has many new developments.

They are:

1. New NAFEPA Web-site;
2. 2014 Scholarship Information;
3. NAFEPA Talking Points for 2014;
4. NAFEPA 40th Anniversary Annual Conference, March 16-19, 2014, Washington DC;
5. Additional Electronic Information through The Connection (Only sent to members).

Please watch for these on our web-site www.nafepa.org . ♦

ATTENTION OAASFEP MEMBERS!

OAASFEP is proud to establish the OHIO ASSOCIATION OF ADMINISTRATORS OF STATE AND FEDERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS scholarship award. As an OAASFEP member, you may nominate one candidate for the OAASFEP state scholarship program from your school/district. The qualifying candidate is an Ohio high school senior who plans to attend a college/university located in the state of Ohio for the fall semester to major in the field of education.

For more important information about the OAASFEP Scholarship Program, go to the OAASFEP Scholarship link below to download and print a copy of the application.

<http://www.oaasfep.net/Home/Assets/OAASFEPScholarshipformJune2013.pdf>

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