

# RESP Director's Report

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## Fall In-service

The RESP Fall In-service on September 26 hosted 331 educators focusing on literacy strategies and bully prevention. One educator said, "This session contained a good variety of ideas to take back and use in my classroom. It is so valuable to share ideas and opinions with other educators. Excellent In-service!"

## Fall Follow-up

RESP is offering educators the opportunity to continue their learning through the fall follow-up. Participants in the Literacy Strategies session can join a literacy book study. Those who focused on Bully Prevention can join us for additional sessions that will help implement these strategies in their district or classroom. Registration is available on-line or you can call our office before October 10 to sign up. Credit is available through Dickinson State University.

## Showcase of Ideas Exchange

This year, RESP partnered with the DSU Math and Science Partnership Grant to offer 137 teachers from across the region the opportunity to join grade-level colleagues at the Showcase of Ideas Exchange. Teachers explored strategies for implementing the new core standards, shared instructional strategies and received new resources. "I appreciate having the latest information on the core standards," said one participant. "I can be a more efficient teacher with these hands on, engaging, tech ideas that meet this new age of learning. Using these strategies will produce more successful learners."

## Data Leadership Team Meetings

*First Session October 10, 2011    4:00 pm - 6:00 pm    RESP Office, TRex Plaza*

*Registration fee: \$15    Facilitators: Amy Axtman and guest presenters*

Data isn't just for data teams. Every educator can use data to improve learning in their classroom by using some simple tools. These sessions will focus on using data to support classroom learning through differentiation and goal setting. Focus areas include:

October 10, 2011    Using NWEA Data to Differentiate Learning  
November 7, 2011    NWEA Goal Setting for Students and Teachers  
November 28, 2011    Tips and Tricks for Higher Test Scores

## New Teacher Mentoring

We are packing our bags filled with instructional strategies and classroom resources for the teachers that are new to our RESP districts. The October 17 session will introduce new teachers to the RESP Beginning Teacher Network and give educators an opportunity to help design future sessions. This program is sponsored by a grant from the state of North Dakota and available at NO CHARGE to RESP districts.

## Tech for Teachers

RESP is currently scheduling technology training sessions for the upcoming year. Contact Sandy for:

- Using Interactive Whiteboards in the Classroom
- Using iPods-iPads in the classroom
- Google Docs for Educators
- Video in the Classroom
- On-line Collaboration (Google or Microsoft)
- TAP Technology Application Projects

Register for all sessions on-line at  
[www.resp-k12-education.org](http://www.resp-k12-education.org)  
Or phone 701-483-0999 or  
701-260-9700