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1. REMINDER: Communities of Practice – New Teacher Leader Registrations

If your schools are adding new teachers to the CoPs for the 2015-16 school year, please submit your registration forms by **June 1, 2015**. Principals may want to contact their Leadership Mentor for guidance if they have specific questions or concerns about the process. Find attached the announcement brochure that includes the application. According to our records, Carroll County, Owen County, and Shelby County may have new TLs. If you have questions, contact Molly Sullivan at msullivan@ovec.org or Dr. Steve Moats at steven.moats@grrec.ky.gov.

2. Communities of Practice Learning Forum IV – Teacher Leaders Who Started Participating in October 2014

An email was sent to the CoP Teacher Leaders (who started participating in October 2014) on Friday, May 22, 2015 which provided them registration information for the fourth CoP Learning Forum to be held at the Owensboro Convention Center in Owensboro on July 21-22. All District PoCs and principals were copied (*see text below for original email*).

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- The difference between Project-Based Learning and “doing projects”
- The need to provide students with opportunities to practice 21st century competencies, balanced with significant content
- How to manage a project in your classroom

*Please note that a separate registration email will be sent to NEW Teacher Leaders who are entering the CoP this summer. Although the meeting location, dates, and times are the same for both groups, NEW Teacher Leaders will receive different content from those Teacher Leaders who began in October 2014. For more information contact Steve Moats at steven.moats@grrec.ky.gov.

3. Note: EILA credit will be available for Steven Covey workshops this summer. For more information contact Liz Brewer at liz.brewer@grrec.ky.gov.

4. Data Retreat Train-the Trainers Opportunity

We are focused on building capacity within the coops, districts, and schools and one way we will do that is to provide a train-the-trainers workshop for the data retreat process (school teams attended them last summer). This training is for representative of the coops and for Leadership Mentors. The training will be August 12-13-14, location TBD. If you would like to have someone in your district participate in the training to build district capacity AND you are willing to have him/her provide the training in OVEC on an occasional basis with others, please let Molly Sullivan know as there will be space for a few additional district representatives. msullivan@ovec.org.

5. Data Retreat “Refresher”

Fifteen of the 30 OVEC principals requested a short refresher for their data teams prior to the release of state data, so we have scheduled three sessions: September 21 A.M., September 21 PM, or September 23 AM, all at the Stratton Center. Each session will be limited to five teams and registration information will be provided by mid-June. This will be an opportunity to review the steps, get questions answered, and make a plan for reviewing state data when it is released. For more information contact Molly Sullivan, msullivan@ovec.org.

CoP Teacher Leaders,

The fourth Communities of Practice Learning Forum for Teacher Leaders (who began participating in October 2014) will be conducted June 21-22, 2015 at the Owensboro Convention Center, 501 West 2nd Street, Owensboro, KY 42301 (<http://www.owensborocenter.com>)

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Registration and continental breakfast will begin each day at 7:30 a.m. Central Time, and the days will end by 4:00 p.m. Central Time. Lunch will be provided each day.

Lodging

A block of rooms has been set aside for Teacher Leaders at the following hotels in the Owensboro area. Please call to inquire about availability and pricing---reference "Communities of Practice". Teacher Leaders will be responsible for the cost of lodging and other expenses, which are reimbursable through the CoP funds distributed to schools/districts.

Hotels will release the block of rooms on July 1, 2015. Please make your reservations by June 30, 2015, and note that the negotiated Communities of Practice price may not be available after the block has been released.

- Hampton Inn & Suites Downtown/Waterfront

401 West 2nd Street
Owensboro, KY 42301
270-685-2005

- Holiday Inn Owensboro Riverfront

701 West 1st Street
Owensboro, KY 42301
270-683-1111

- Courtyard by Marriott-Owensboro

3120 Highland Pointe Drive
Owensboro, KY 42303
270-685-4140

- Hampton Inn Owensboro-South

615 Salem Drive
Owensboro, KY 42303
270-926-2006

To register for CoP Learning Forum IV, please complete and submit the Event Registration form found [HERE](#) by June 5, 2015.

*See you there!
Steve*