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Included: Educators in attendance

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School Districts Analyze Data to Improve Scores

Over 60 Kansas administrators and teachers recently attended a workshop to learn how to improve their student achievement as measured by state assessments.

The workshop, called Red White & Blue Data Analysis, was organized by the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence at Emporia State University and held Monday, October 16, 2006. The one-day workshop drew teachers from across the state.

“We use color coding to help (educators) analyze their state assessment scores,” said Bob Winkler, the workshop’s presenter. “Our main focus is on how to improve student achievement.”

Winkler explained that, through this analysis, schools not making Adequate Yearly Progress mandated by No Child Left Behind legislation can focus on one or two things. “We’ve found if they choose two things to do differently (rather than overhaul an entire curriculum), they can improve their scores,” Winkler said.

“(This process) shows some places where we’re lacking on (meeting) standards,” said Brian Henry, a math teacher from Wabaunsee High School. Henry said that although his school has made AYP, scores can always be improved upon.

Winkler is the coordinator of assessment and testing for the Shawnee Mission School District, and has used this analysis process in his own district to assist teachers with a practical method of using data analysis in making instructional decisions. He has done several presentations at state, regional and national levels on data analysis and strategies for impacting student achievement.

For more information about this workshop, contact Toni Bowling at 620-341-5372 or 1-877-378-5433, mbowling@emporia.edu.

Educators in attendance at the workshop included:

Baldwin City, USD 348 –
Amy Cooper

Blue Valley, USD 229 –
Jill Bergerhofer, Enid Dodson, Kristel Fulcher, Valerie Golden,
Sandy Groth, Karen Nixon, Elizabeth Parks, Desiree Rios, Mary Jane
Weishar, Brent Yeager

Burlington, USD 244 –
Suzonne Classen, Theresa Martin

Chetopa-St. Paul, USD 505 –
Chelle Kemper

Erie, USD 101 –
Debra Carlson, John Cole, Mary Hines

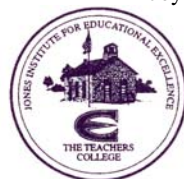
Fort Scott, USD 234 –
Gene Leininger

Humboldt, USD 258 –
Elaine Colvin, Staci Leavitt, Stephanie Oliver, Terry Shaughnessy,
Wendy Spilman

Little River, USD 444 –

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Joy Blackburn, Kay Howie, Jon Paden



Mill Creek Valley, USD 329 –
Larry Andersen, Danny Davis, Brain Henry, Jayme Malsom, Amy Schutter

Mission Valley, USD 330 –
Braden Anshutz, Charlie Chesmore, Paul Niland

Paola, USD 368 –
Bonnie Dumpert, Cindy Goering

Pratt, USD 382 –
Karen Blasi, Diane Ladenburger, Gayle Thompson

Riley County, USD 378 –
Julie Doyen, Teresa Grant, Steve Mies, Shari Taylor
Shawnee Heights, USD 450 –

Rob Dennison, Scott Marshall

Southern Lyon County, USD 252 –
Dana Cole, Bill Warner

Valley Center, USD 262 –
Becky Cox

Wamego, USD 320 –
Dr. Mary Kay Siebert

Winfield, USD 465 –
Roletha Barg, Nancy Burger, Trent Creeden, Jeff Everett, David Hammer, Melodie Hanna, Kim Hutto, Thane Mettling, Joe Muret, Bill Pittman, Dee Simpler, Martha Stevenson, Marilyn Taylor, Lisa Zuerlein

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