

Monthly Update



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“Lead and inspire people. Don't try to manage and manipulate people. Inventories can be managed but people must be led.”

-Ross Perot

Selected Upcoming Dates:

**NSLN Visit from National Director
May 5-6, 2008**

**Board of Advisors Embassy Suites
May 12, 2008**

**NSLN Facilitator Training, Boston
June 1-3, 2008**

**David Langford
June 16-19, 2008**

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Coming Soon-New SREB Courses!

Last month, Triangle Leadership staff members traveled to Atlanta to study two new leadership modules offered by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB).

Founded in 1948, SREB is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that works with leaders and policy makers in 16 member states in order to improve pre-K to postsecondary education.

SREB has a number of initiatives, one of which involves leadership training. TLA has been implementing two of SREB's Leadership Curriculum Modules as a part of course offerings for the past few years: Creating High Performing Learning Cultures and Leading School Change to Improve Student Achievement. (See gray box to the right.)

SREB's Leadership Curriculum Modules are designed to prepare principals, aspiring leaders, and teacher leaders to aggressively improve curriculum, instruction, and student achieve-

ment in their schools. The modules are based on critical success factors for principals and key practices for improving schools. They are used by some university preparation programs, state leadership academies, schools and districts, and others to engage school leadership teams in solving real school problems.

As a result of attending SREB's Leadership Curriculum module certification training, TLA is happy to announce that it will be offering two new courses this fall: *Designing Formative Assessment Systems to Improve Student Achievement* and *Mentoring School Leaders*.

SREB is currently refining these two courses based on feedback it received from us and other participants at the certification training. The revisions are in the final stages and the materials will be released for our use soon. We are looking forward to presenting these new offerings.

Course Guide Descriptions:

Creating High Performing Learning Cultures:

Schools cannot improve when the culture does not support school improvement. Often in the push to improve quickly, the school's culture is forgotten. Participants in this seminar will learn what culture is and why it must be cultivated: what roles leaders play in growing the culture; and what tools and strategies are available to help leaders foster a culture that supports improvement, high expectations, and the well-being of students.

Leading School Change to Improve Student Achievement:

School leaders have gotten too used to the idea that "the only constant is change." Productive school leaders understand the forces that influence the change process and can direct these forces for continuous school improvement. In this seminar, you will learn how to lead change rather than react to it.

From the Desk of the Executive Director

As usual, we have just completed another busy month! As described above, our trip to Atlanta to study two new leadership curriculum modules was very successful.

This past month, I have been involved with two separate groups working through the Creating High Performing Learning Cultures course. One of these groups was a group of

aspiring principals from one district's Leadership Academy. The other group involved participants from three of our districts.

To me, one of the exciting aspects of these modules is not just the content, but the delivery of it. The training provides protocols and activities to relay the material and get people thinking about the content in

new ways. These protocols and activities are designed in such a way that the participants can bring them back to their school and replicate them. This methodology helps to broaden the conversation around the content, which builds capacity. How exciting!

