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Good Morning VPSC Conference Participants,

It's that wonderful time of year when the signs of summer are here: empty desks and full trash cans, closets crammed to overflowing and smiles are on the faces of every employee as the last bell is about to ring. At the same time we are already looking forward to next year for ways to continually improve by raising test scores, focusing on each AYP group and rejuvenate for the next year school year through our Cross Mentorship Collaborative Conference!

This will once again be a wonderful time to learn and share the best of the best in what makes each of your school a success as well as plan for the 2012 January – May and June Conference. We are delighted to have been funded for an additional year in these lean financial times.

Attached you will find:

1. Agenda for June 2011
2. **Tentative Agendas** for January 2012, May 2012, and June 2012 Please note that your feedback has been included with the PR component at each conference as well as each school presenting at one conference. We will have the exact dates by our meeting at the end of the month.
3. **Revised 2012 template** that needs to be completed by **this** June 2011 conference - needed for the grant and includes the slight change we discussed regarding the implications of shared best practices towards increasing student enrollment and achievement.
4. **Spread sheet of participants** that needs to be completed by upcoming June conference with a tentative list of participants for each 2012 conference. Remember that you can change names throughout the school year and add an alternate if you wish for any school that does not utilize all of their spots. Your list simply holds spots for your teachers. Any vacant spots will be filled by other schools.

What does your school need to **bring to this year's June conference?**:

- **Completed template for your school presentation for 2012** conferences— refer to presentation guidelines listed below.
- **Spreadsheet of tentative participants** for 2012 conferences.
- **Possible Materials Ideas for 2012 “Presentation Boxes”**: Any additional specific items with detailed ordering information (catalogue, website, item number, quantity , price, etc) that will assist your endeavor for “increasing your school’s enrollment” through shared best practices.
- Room in vehicle to take home your new **portable screen** to go with the projector you received in your 2011 presentation box. The screen size is approximately 5 feet in length, If you do NOT have adequate space please email Carla.McMullen@polk-fl.net prior to June 15th and we will develop a plan to get it to your school.

All of the previous conference information is located at <http://www.polk-fl.net/districtinfo/departments/schoolbased/schoolchoice/vpsc/magnetchoice.htm> at the icon on the bottom of the page.

- **Information for your school's presentation** (example based on presentation at January’s conference and blank template for each school to complete): Each school is being asked to share one or more best interactive practices during the 2012 year that their school is currently implementing. These forms will be included in the documentation to validate the VPS Public School Choice Grant.
 - best practice must appeal to a broad range of students-grade levels, achievement levels, socioeconomic status, etc.
 - will need to plan a training session that is meaningful and active for training participants.
 - will be allotted 2 ½ - 3 hours of presentation time

Presentations will need to include:

- overview of practice
- research supporting practice
- student work samples, video clips, computer presentation showing best practice in action- anything that brings best practice alive for participants
- active learning for training participants - suggested time for active learning is 50% of presentation
- resources provided for participants that support implementation at participants’ schools, i.e. handouts, note-taking pages, websites, facilitators’ or teachers’ email addresses willing to support participants
- handouts saved to a jump drive to share with participant & training organizers
- reflection/summarizing activity at the end of presentation

We are looking forward to collaborating with each one of you! If you have any additional questions please contact me at evelyn.hollen@polk-fl.net or (863) 499-2955.

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