

# **CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION STEERING COMMITTEE (CISC)**

## **CISC 2012 FINAL REPORT**

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### **CORE PURPOSE**

Strengthen county office of education service and leadership capacity to improve and sustain academic Achievement for all students, to prepare them with the capacities and skills required for 21<sup>st</sup> century citizenship, and to close the existing achievement gap.

### **CISC ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Held four two-day CISC meetings during 2012. During the first day of the May and November CISC meetings, held joint CISC/CDE meetings in which more than one hundred CISC members and COE guests participated in both joint meetings. For the first time a videoconference meeting was held in March.
- Provided leadership for ongoing CISC work through the CISC Executive Committee, with focus on the six major CISC goal areas identified for 2012.
- Utilized eleven CISC regional leads to coordinate CISC activities regionally.
- Provided leadership and product development for high priority subjects and initiatives through CISC subcommittee work. Each CISC subcommittee is led by a lead and co-lead, and includes representatives from each of the eleven CCSESA regions. There are CISC subcommittees for: Accountability, CISC Leadership Symposium, Career-Technical Education, History-Social Science, Leadership, Mathematics, Reading-Language Arts, School Readiness, Science, Teacher Development, Online Learning, Visual and Performing Arts, and RAN. Accomplishments by CISC subcommittees are summarized subsequently in this report.
- Provided coordination, communication, planning, and problem-solving in key areas through CISC liaisons for After School Programs, Distinguished Schools, Language Policy, RSDSS, and Technology. CISC representatives also served on the CCSESA Business and State and Federal Legislative Committees.
- Provided leadership for Common Core State Standards (CCSS), Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC), and Transitional Kindergarten (TK) initiatives across the state. During 2012, CISC developed extensive resources, conducted surveys to inform continued work, provided feedback and input to key stakeholders, and provided training and technical assistance within regions. CCSS, SBAC, and TK have been areas of major focus for CISC, and are a standing agenda topic at most CISC meetings.
- Held the CISC Leadership Symposium at Asilomar on February 22-24, 2012. This Symposium was completely sold out and received excellent reviews from participants. Several COE superintendents were able to participate in this Symposium. Cyndy Dolph (Madera) provided excellent leadership for this Symposium.
- An On-line Learning Subcommittee was launched. It is a cooperative venture between CISC and TTSC. Shirley Diaz (Glenn County) is one of the co-chairs.
- Developed three-year CISC budget plans that result in a balanced budget and phased resource development to support ongoing CCSS and Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium assessment implementation over that same time period.
- Under the leadership of Judy Flores (Shasta) 2013 CISC meetings will be held at the Sacramento COE, and one of our two-day face-to-face meetings will once again be replaced with a one-day videoconference meeting. Ongoing activities from CISC 2012 will smoothly transition into next year, providing the foundation for the CISC accomplishments in 2013.
- Moved the 2013 Leadership Symposium to the Monterey Convention Center.

### **CISC SUBCOMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

#### **Accountability 2012 – Valerie Chrisman (Ventura)**

- The focus of 2012 was to identify the foundation services all Program Improvement districts and schools could expect to receive from RSDSS. This collaborative work involved CDE, CISC Accountability Committee members and RSDSS Liaisons and the RSDSS Directors. In January and February, the Accountability Chair shared various drafts with the four groups and by March 20, the final collaboratively crafted draft was presented to the RSDSS

Directors at their meeting for any additional changes. The document was shared with all CISC members in May and became part of the RSDSS work plans for 2012-13.

#### **CISC Leadership Symposium 2012 – Cyndy Dolph (Madera)**

- The 2012 CISC Leadership Symposium, Reinventing Leadership in Times of Transition, was completely sold out and generated a profit.
- The evaluations for the event were overwhelmingly positive.

#### **CISC Leadership Symposium 2013 – Kitty Catania (Fresno)**

- The Leadership Symposium will change venues and will be held at the Monterey Convention Center.
- The Symposium, already a sell-out, will accommodate over 900 participants.
- The featured speakers are Daniel Pink and Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.
- CCSESA's new CVENT system is being used for registration.
- Ventura County is providing the technical support.

#### **History – Social Science – Cricket Kidwell (Trinity), Lissette Estrella-Henderson (Solano)**

- Maintained a state-wide network of California history-social science leaders through face-to-face and email communications in promoting, organizing, and planning state-wide and regional programs, projects, professional development, and resource development.
- Provided a monthly synopsis of history-social science news, events, professional development opportunities, and resources which was distributed to a very large majority of schools and districts in California through email.
- Coordinated and supported county office of education-developed materials on history-social science and the Common Core State Standards including PowerPoint presentations, documents, and materials.
- Collaborated with the California 3Rs Project to provide resources, professional development, and advisories to schools, districts, and county offices of education on *rights, responsibility, and respect* in relation to education and religion.
- Supported and advised the coordination of history-social science content and skills to state and national initiatives such as literacy, 21<sup>st</sup> century skills, Common Core Standards, integrated career and college-readiness, etc.

#### **Career Technical Education – Ronda Adams (Yolo)**

- Partnered with CDE and Butte County in delivery of the CTE Leadership Development Institute.
- Aligned WASC FOL Career Technical Education Criteria Crosswalk with the State CTE System based on the 11 Elements of a High Quality CTE Program that will be presented to WASC.
- Completed response to the Weighted Student Formula and its Impact on CTE Delivery Systems.
- Convened a subcommittee to lead in the development of a training model for the collaboration of CTE and core academic instructors in support of the mastery of CCSS.

#### **Leadership – Judy Flores (Shasta), Susan Salcido (Santa Barbara)**

- Discussed components of the Tier II Administrative Guidelines-Based Programs as counties/regions worked to develop and write programs.
- Developed a "Tip Sheet" to explain changes in administrative credentialing in 2012-13 and beyond for districts and potential administrators.
- Reviewed articles and research on principal evaluation.
- Shared Common Core implementation resources that various counties/regions are using with district and school leaders.
- Gathered data from county offices across the state in relation to the following areas:
  1. **CISC – COE Leadership Offerings** – This document shows what is happening currently by county in the area of Leadership training and support.
  2. **Tier II Admin Programs Submission** – This document provided a summary of counties that are applying to CTC to provide the Tier II Administrative Credential Guidelines-Based Programs.
  3. **CISC Administrator Training Survey** – This document identifies which counties are offering administrator training programs this school year (ATP, Tier II, other).
    - Provided feedback to CTC on the preliminary administrative credential components, the CPSELS, and the induction model for administrators.

**Mathematics – Gary Waddell (San Mateo), Paul Joens-Poulton (Mendocino)**

- Produced and rolled out “*CISC Common Core State Standards Toolkit*.” Presented three (North, Central, South) Training of Trainer sessions for COE content specialists. The following number of COE staff were trained at each respective Training of Trainer sessions:  
March 5, 2012 – Fresno = 79 participants  
March 8, 2012 – Orange County = 62 participants  
March 12, 2012 – San Mateo County = 114 participants

This resource, a collaborative effort with the Reading/Language Arts Subcommittee, provided materials sufficient for two days of Professional Development for teachers around the CCSS.

- In conjunction with WestEd and CDE, planned and conducted the “*Algebra Forum IV*,” May 21-23 at the Santa Clara County Office of Education. All 11 regions were represented at this year’s Forum, which focused on the Common Core State Standards for Mathematics. Based on evaluation results, over 95 percent of the respondents agreed or strongly agreed that Algebra Forum IV provided relevant research and materials that they would use to increase the effectiveness of their work and that was relevant to their work, that they would share the research and materials with others, and that the Algebra Forum IV was of high quality.

**Reading-Language Arts – Raynette Sanchez (Los Angeles), Patti Thurman (Lassen)**

- Delivered *CCSS Toolkit* awareness training to schools and districts within each region.
- Completed Training of Trainers for *CCSS Toolkit* awareness training.
- Engaged in dialogue and planning with CDE staff in areas including CCSS, implementation of new legislation and initiatives, instructional materials, and Professional Learning Modules.
- Worked closely with CSU on the Expository Reading and Writing Course initiative and related training.

**Science – Brad Schultz (San Luis Obispo), Susan Salcido (Santa Barbara)**

- Completed the Strategic Science Teaching on-line project that is available free of charge to teachers throughout California.
- Committee members are part of a collaborative team writing CCSS Science Literacy Module.
- Assisted CDE with the development of the Next Generation Science Standards action plan.

**Teacher Development – Rick Bartkowski (Stanislaus)**

- Established the Subcommittee as an entity: communication with regional leads about “who” would be a good fit for the committee and running down leads for this new subcommittee, establishing protocols for phone conversations, meeting face-to-face, and coalescing as a group.
- Gathered information that allowed for the creation of a PowerPoint to inform CISC membership at-large about:
  1. The role that COEs play in regard to teacher preparations and development: as LEAs of paraprofessional programs, intern programs, and induction programs – both general education and special education (BTSA).
  2. The innovations possible across programs of size (typically COE programs) due to flexible funding that allows district and county needs to be met in new and creative ways.
- Shared valuable resources across COE programs.
- Began advocacy for COE programs through: the informing of CISC, preparation of county superintendents for CCSESA conversations to ensure that they are fully informed about the programs housed in the LEAs, and discussion about impending issues and implications for programs (for example, student-weighted formula, etc.).

**Online Learning Collaborative – Shirley Diaz (Glenn)**

- At the request of CCSESA, formed the Online Learning Collaborative Subcommittee out of joint membership of CISC/TTSC.
- Convened members to discuss existing resources, gaps, resource creation, and priorities.
- Created a work plan for 2012-13 to include a final product of an interactive website for CCSESA to use for Online Learning resources.
- Presented the OLSC goals and work plan at CCSESA membership meeting.

- Planned for a March 2013 Online Learning Symposium for COEs

#### **Visual and Performing Arts – Pamela Comfort (Contra Costa), Tim Gill (Lake)**

- Hosted regional forums in all eleven service regions focused on various topics related to arts learning.
- Offered 118 professional development offerings to 806 sites in 152 districts involving 2,389 participants (January 1, 2012 to December 3, 2012) and provided 370 consultations to 4,895 participants in 489 schools and districts. *Data report provided by OMS.*
- Co-hosted the *Celebrating Arts Learning in California Schools* luncheon with the California State PTA in celebration of March as Arts Education Month on March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Sierra Health Foundation in Sacramento. *Craig Cheslog*, Principal Advisor to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction and *Craig Watson*, Executive Director of the California Arts Council were keynote speakers. The event drew 65 attendees representing state, regional, county, and local educational leaders, parent leaders, and legislative staff.
- Developed professional development module for the *Middle Grades Arts Content and Delivery Guide* developed by Shasta County Office of Education.

#### **Regional Assessment Network 2011-2012 – Beth Higbee (San Bernardino)**

- Provided regional reports on new developments for current tests coming on line, modifications in the STAR program, and explanations to districts in relation to CALPADS.
- Provided an assessment perspective to CDE representatives in accountability and curriculum and instruction as CDE staff started to work with the CCSS and the SMARTER Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC).
- Completed interviews with teachers across the state, and worked with CDE to examine findings of the statewide Consequential Validity Study that is part of the requirements for implementing the STAR testing program.
- Provided updates on assessment issues to each region's county counterparts and often served as a region-wide information source for districts on assessment issues, running network meetings, sending out newsletters and minutes from meetings, and sending "news flashes" regarding timelines and calendars for assessment implementation.
- Provided feedback and recommendations to CDE staff in the area of assessment before CISC presentations and in regard to information sharing at North and South Accountability meetings. Also served as volunteers at North and South Assessment meetings.

#### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Joyce Wright (Sacramento) was nominated for the CCSESA/CSIC STAR Award. Joyce has provided exemplary service to CCSESA and CISC for many years. She has served as the CISC Chair in 2007, has served as the School Readiness Chair, and been a member of the CISC Executive Committee for many years. Her leadership and knowledge have greatly improved our organization.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND THANK YOU!**

It has been my pleasure to serve as CISC Chair in 2012. Many thanks to county superintendents for the talented and dedicated curriculum and instruction leaders that you send to CISC and for your leadership in coordinating county office of education initiatives! Thank you to the CCSESA staff for your leadership and for your support of CCSESA steering committee work.