CISI 2013 Fall Workshop registration now available online!

The California Institute for School Improvement (CISI) is holding its annual series of workshops on the "Top Ten Issues in Education" in November 2013.

CISI Fall 2013 Workshop Details: California public schools will undergo the most significant and historic changes seen in decades with the implementation of both the Common Core State Standards and an entirely new school funding system. While these major issues will dominate our discussion at this year's fall CISI workshops, there are a number of interconnected parts and politics that every school leader should know. In addition to a close examination of the new Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and the direction the State is likely to take on the Local Control Accountability Plan, we will dig deeply into the challenges and opportunities of implementing the common core standards, moving to a new assessment system and ultimately a new system of school accountability.

The CISI workshops will pull these various issues together in a review of the “Top Ten issues in Education” to help local educators anticipate state and federal policies and plan more effectively for the year ahead. The Top Ten issues for 2013-14 include:

1) Common Core implementation
2) State Budget
3) Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF)
4) Local Control Accountability Plans (LCAPs)
5) EL/low income/foster students
6) Assessments
7) Federal and state accountability
8) Instructional materials
9) Bargaining implications
10) Teacher evaluation

CISI Fall 2013 Workshop Locations:
Sacramento County Office of Education - Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013, 9 – 11:30 a.m.
San Diego County Office of Education - Thursday, Nov. 14, 2013, 2 – 4:30 p.m.
Santa Clara County Office of Education - Friday, Nov. 15, 2013, 9 – 11:30 a.m.
Orange County Department of Education – Monday, Nov. 18, 2013 2-4:30 a.m.
Los Angeles County Office of Education - Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013, 9 – 11:30 a.m.
Butte County Office of Education - Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013, 9 – 11:30 a.m.
Santa Barbara County Education Office - Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013, 9 – 11:30 a.m.
Fresno County Office of Education - Thursday, November 21, 2013, 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Superintendents, assistant superintendents, directors of curriculum & instruction, fiscal services directors and educational leaders are encouraged to attend. Early Registration until Oct. 21, 2013: $120 CISI Members; $145 Non-Members. Regular Registration after Oct. 21, 2013: $160 Members; $190 Non-Members. To register for the fall workshops or for more information, click on the following link: http://cisi.ucdavis.edu/workshops/

**Governor Brown Vetoes Teacher Dismissal Bill - AB 375 (Buchanan)**

Governor Brown Vetoed AB 375. In his veto message, the Governor said:

"The goal of this bill is to simplify the process and deciding teacher dismissal cases. I have listened at great length to arguments both for and against this measure. While I agree that it makes worthwhile adjustments to the dismissal process, such as lifting the summer moratorium on the filing of charges and eliminating some opportunities for delay, other changes make the process too rigid and could create new problems.

"I share the authors' desire to streamline the teacher discipline process, but this bill is an imperfect solution. I encourage the Legislature to continue working with stakeholders to identify changes that are balanced and reduce procedural complexities."

This issue is anticipated to return as a key legislative issue in 2014.

**Fourth Annual Equity Summit 2013**

The Fourth Annual Equity Summit at UC Davis will be held on Saturday, October 19, 2013 in the UC Davis Conference Center. This year the theme is OPPORTUNITIES FOR EQUITY with three strands covering the following topics: Violence and Healing in Our Cities and Schools, New Funding Formulas for Social Justice and Schools as Pathways to Prosperity. The summit brings together teachers, superintendents, school board members, probation officers, government officials, health professionals, and community-based educators and organizers.

For more information go to [http://education.ucdavis.edu/event/equity-summit-2013](http://education.ucdavis.edu/event/equity-summit-2013) or contact Dr. Vajra Watson at vmwatson@ucdavis.edu

**Constructive Classroom Conversations: Mastering Language for the Common Core State Standards**

FREE Online Course available – October 21, 2013 – December 09, 2013. Stanford Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) with Dr. Kenji Hakuta and Dr. Jeff Zwiers of Stanford University. **Course Description:** The Common Core State Standards for English ELA and Mathematics emphasize improving the quality of student-to-student discourse as a major feature of instruction. The new
standards specifically describe the importance of students understanding the reasoning of others and engaging in meaningful conversations using evidence for claims. This short course looks closely at student-to-student discourse and addresses how to facilitate student engagement in the types of interactions required by the new standards. https://novoed.com/common-core

Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Adopted in 8 States
As of this month, eight states have adopted the Next Generation Science Standards including California, Delaware, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Rhode Island, Vermont and Washington. The California Department of Education is seeking information from stakeholders regarding the implementation of NGSS and State Superintendent Tom Torlakson is hosting a STEM Symposium at the Sacramento Convention Center November 18-19, 2013.

To participate in the NGSS implementation survey go to http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NGSS-implementation.

Registration for the STEM Symposium is available at http://cdefoundation.org/stemconference/.

CISI Annual Membership Renewal Period
CISI is growing and we want you to be a part of it! Let us know how we can better serve district leadership to develop capacity in curriculum and instruction. Is there a topic you’d like addressed in an e-bulletin or a resource you’d like us to provide? Let us know! Visit our website at cisi.ucdavis.edu or email us at cisi@ucdavis.edu.