

# Using Data to Close Achievement Gaps

## WORKSHOP SERIES DATES & CONTENT:

**January 11**

**DAY 1:** Orientation of continuous improvement planning, introduction of The SchoolPortfolio Application and setting the stage for next training on questionnaires.

**March 16**

**DAY 2:** Use of The School Portfolio Application and additional data sources such as questionnaires.

**June 8 & 9**

**DAYS 3 & 4:** Teams will work on planning for upcoming 2010-2011 school year.

### HOURS:

**8:00-4:00**  
each day

### LOCATION:

**Holiday Inn  
Downtown  
141 N 9th St.  
Lincoln, NE**

### QUESTIONS:

Contact Alice Senseney at  
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Are you drowning in data? You are invited to come as a team and work together toward a common goal - improving student learning. Make plans today to attend. Registration is limited to resources available.

Work with Brad Geise to develop school or district data profiles that document where your learning organizations are with respect to *demographics, perceptions, student learning, and school processes*, and to learn how to take the work home to continuously improve your entire school or school district.

Brad is a staff member of **Education for the Future**, a not-for-profit initiative located on the California State University, Chico campus. (You may be familiar with the work of Education for the Future's director, Victoria Bernhardt, author of *The School Portfolio - A Comprehensive Framework for School Improvement*.) This organization focuses on working with schools, districts, State Departments of Education and other educational service centers and agencies on systemic change and comprehensive data analyses that lead to increased student learning.



## SCHOOLPORTFOLIO APPLICATION

*Created in partnership with SchoolCity*

Created in partnership with *SchoolCity*, *SchoolPortfolio* is an automated application that assists with the creation of a school or district portfolio to support the process of systemic continuous improvement in learning organizations.

Your data will be uploaded in *SchoolCity's* online *SchoolPortfolio Application* so you can work with your data, vision, and plans during the workshops. Additionally, you will have 90 days to use the application after returning home!

This workshop series is supported by Nebraska Department of Education's Comprehensive System of Personnel Development Advisory Committee. **School/district teams must pre-register for this professional development activity by December 23 to enable planning and ensure sufficient materials.**

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## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Participating schools or districts are expected to select a leadership team to attend the sessions. You may already have a school improvement or professional development team established in your system.

Participating teams consist of:

- 3-5 people representing a district or school building
- Must include the building principal/administrator
- Must include a special educator
- Should include local or ESU staff developer

This team is expected to participate from 8 am to 4 pm on all 4 training days, work collaboratively as a team during the training and at school leading other staff through collaborative learning and planning activities in preparation for subsequent sessions. Participating schools are expected to change processes and practices in order to demonstrate improved instruction and student results.

## LEARNING OUTCOMES:

*Everyone understands -*

- Why we should be concerned with data analysis/continuous school improvement
- What data are important for continuous improvement
- How to use data for continuous improvement planning
- How to engage *all* staff in using data
- The role of mission and vision in data analysis/continuous school improvement
- How to solve a "problem" and isolate processes using data
- How to create a quality plan from data
- The items essential to implementation of a quality plan
- Tools/resources/modeling for taking the work home

For further information <http://eff.csuchico.edu>

## How will Nebraska CSPD Support Your Team's Learning?

- Training with **no registration fee**;
- Substitute teacher reimbursement as necessary;
- Handouts/support materials as necessary;
- Lunch and morning/afternoon refreshments; and
- \$100 per day stipend for participating in training during a non-contract day.

## Participating Teams are Responsible for:

- Travel expenses such as mileage, meals, and/or overnight lodging;
- Release time for team members and other school staff to participate in training, planning and implementation;
- Print downloadable handouts/materials for staff;
- Report results to school staff, board of education, CSPD Committee, and others; and
- Annual fee for continuing use of **SchoolPortfolio Application** beyond trial period (optional, but strongly recommended - approximately \$1,500)

All dates and locations depend upon sufficient school interest and are contingent upon State Board of Education approval.

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## Registration Form – ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST BE LISTED ON ONE FORM

Workshop training will be held:

**DAY 1**      January 11/Lincoln, NE

**DAY 2**      March 16/Lincoln, NE

**DAY 3-4**    June 8-9/Lincoln, NE

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

Name	Position	Work/Home Email Addresses
1.	Principal/Administrator *Designated as team contact.	
2.	Special Educator	
3.		
4.		
5.		

Due to brief timeframe, teams are limited to a maximum of five members.

Dietary restrictions:

Once teams are accepted, further details will be sent to email address provided.

Send Registration form to:    Sherri Landis  
   Nebraska Department of Education  
   Lincoln, NE 68509  
   Fax: 402.471.2113  
   Email: [sherri.landis@nebraska.gov](mailto:sherri.landis@nebraska.gov)

Registration must be received by December 23. **Note:** Training is contingent upon Nebraska State Board of Education approval and availability of funds.