

## Early Release Descriptions

### Semester I                      2010-11

*Please read through the descriptions of the early release options to learn more about the session. Complete the form (remember to sign your name), make a copy for your record and return the original form to Barb Callahan by Monday, September 20, 2010.*

**Common Core Curriculum Work (ES):** Michelle Jensen will meet with the core curriculum teachers to review progress on the curriculum standards initiatives. This meeting will take place in the elementary IMC.

**District-wide Website Work Time:** All regular education staff are expected to use this work time to further develop their classroom websites on the new district website. Teachers are encouraged to work within their grade level/department team to collaborate on the website design and layout. Teachers who have completed their website page(s) may select "Other" on this day with permission from Michelle Jensen.

**EEN Meeting:** All EEN staff are expected to attend this session to discuss current EEN information. These sessions will take place in the HS Sewing room led by Barb Callahan.

**EEN Training for Instructional Aides (ES):** Elementary special education teachers will lead a workshop on instructional strategies for aides working with special needs students. The location of this training will be announced by Mark Becker.

**Grade Level/Dept. Meetings:** Teachers are expected to meet with their grade level team or department to collaborate on curriculum and planning. Teachers will meet in a place of their choice.

**MAP Introduction K-12 Core Teachers:** The administrative team will facilitate this introductory session on Measures of Academic Progress (MAP). MAP is a widely used and highly recommended assessment tool used to measure student progress based on a set of educational standards. All core curriculum teachers are expected to attend this session which will take place in the HS IMC.

**New Teacher Seminar:** Tammy George will facilitate this session for new teachers to the district. Tammy will send out information to the new teachers prior to this session. This session will take place in the HS FACE room. (Mentor teacher do not need to attend this session.)

**Non-Violent Communication (NVC) Workshop (MS/HS):** This session will be facilitated by a small group of teachers who have been learning and practicing NVC strategies the past year. All middle/high school teachers should attend. The workshop will take place in the IMC.

**RTI Planning (ES):** Mark Becker will facilitate this session on RTI strategies and outcomes in the classroom. All elementary teachers should attend this session taking place in the elementary IMC.

**School Forest:** Christy Charles will facilitate this field trip workshop on integrating the use of the school forest within the classroom curriculum. Bus transportation will be provided to and from the school forest. (If inclement weather, the workshop will be held at school.) This workshop is a component of the School Forest grant received by the school district. All teachers are strongly encouraged to sign up for this session.

**School Improvement (MS/HS):** There are two sessions scheduled for first semester for the purpose of allowing the MS/HS staff to work together to discuss best practices building-wide. The focus of these meetings will be determined by Brad Johnsrud with staff input. All middle and high school teachers should attend. These meetings will be held in the IMC.

**Team Planning (ES):** Teachers are expected to meet with their grade level team to collaborate on curriculum and planning. Teachers will meet in a place of their choice.