



County of Jackson Strategic Planning Education Team

Date:	Time:	Next Meeting:
July 20, 2010	8:30 a.m.	The next meeting will be held September 16, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

DATA PRESENTED ON READING AND MATH SCORES IN JACKSON COUNTY

- Based on high school merit exam
 - Work Keys reading and math tests are included, as well as ACT
- There has been some growth, but there is still a lot of work to be done
- Data shows that student population is declining
- Teacher accountability: by law every teacher/administrator evaluation should be tied to student performance
 - Will not take effect immediately or on a statewide level, since it needs to be negotiated
 - Another issue with negotiation of is that after three years, compensation will have to be tied to student performance
 - Talks are on-going

MATH SUMMIT UPDATE

- More people have RSVP'd, and there will be many teachers in attendance (well over goal of 70)
- Bill C. from Cincinnati Public Schools will speak about student learning, learning/achievement gaps, cognitive functioning, and differences between boys and girls
- Breakout groups to discuss parenting education, math labs, elementary math specialists, and how to remediate kids from high school to college (making transition to college easier)
- Everything has come together and there is a lot of excitement surrounding this event
- Want people to leave with strategies to take to the classroom
- Reading will be the next initiative
 - JCC and Spring Arbor are very interested in reading and want to get the community involved
- Setting up blogs for educators, parents and interested parties to stay updated on what's going on

READING: THE NEXT INITIATIVE

- Jackson reading scores are consistently higher than math scores
- Baker College and Spring Arbor sees higher levels of literacy on entrance exams than JCC
- Jan mentioned that if there is a learning barrier in her ServSafe classes, that it is usually a literacy issue
- Adult Literacy is still a problem
- Discussion surrounding JCC's new literacy policy as reported by the Citizen Patriot.
 - No representative from JCC was present, so this will be discussed at future meetings

NEXT STEPS:

- Helping people understand that they have to invest in themselves
 - Value education in the community
 - Know what's available to them so they can get the help they need
- Math summit follow up
 - Talk about how to be supportive

Correction to previous meeting's minutes—CAA hired grant writer, not United Way
Update: Grant was submitted, but a response has not yet been received

Tuesday, December 07, 2010