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The LEAF, Inc. Board of Directors and staff believe that high quality training must be differentiated in its presentation and built into the culture of each district on an ongoing and regular basis. We also understand that in these difficult fiscal times, it is not possible to have all training take place “in-person” at a central or regional site. The cost of travel and time out of the building/district to attend statewide and/or regional workshops are very real concerns of our members.

For these reasons we have decided to continue to offer the LEAF Subscription Service in order to provide you with an array of training activities and opportunities that you can incorporate into your district’s ongoing leadership development agenda. You can use many of these activities as part of your cabinet meetings and/or administrative support group sessions throughout the school year and during the summer. You may also wish to partner with nearby districts or through BOCES. Time spent on these activities should be logged and counted as an important component in your APPR lead evaluator training.

Included in the LEAF Subscription Service:

- Case studies including discussion questions, structured activities and guides for facilitators you select locally.
- Role-play scenarios that provide opportunities to develop skills, discuss leadership strategy and confront issues (anticipated and unanticipated) associated with leading change.

- Research on best-practice, instructional leadership and leadership that impacts student achievement. Recommended websites and other resources to link you with research and materials.
- Book Study materials including recommendations of relevant titles along with chapter guides, discussion questions and structured activities.
- Video clips to encourage discussion of best practices.
- Subscription includes six issues yearly.

Make the LEAF Subscription Service part of your re-certification plan: As you are aware, each district in New York State must ensure that Lead Evaluators receive training and are certified by local boards of education (3012-c of Commissioner’s Regulations). Re-certification of Lead Evaluators is also a requirement under these regulations. Many of the activities included in the LEAF Subscription Service are designed to address the nine required training elements and you may wish to incorporate these into your plan to address re-certification of your administrators as Lead Evaluators. Simply keep a log of the activities and amount of time you and your administrative team spend on each.

We have used the materials for our monthly “Leadership Roundtables” and they have been a source of high quality, engaging learning activities that I, frankly, would not have the time to develop on my own. This is not a time when we can shortchange quality professional development for our leaders, but when resources are limited and the time to plan is nearly non-existent. This service has made it possible to have meaningful sessions with our leadership team.”

- Marie Wiles, Superintendent, Guilderland CSD

WHY SHOULD MY DISTRICT PARTICIPATE IN THE LEAF SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE?

- Research has demonstrated the benefits of “reflective practice” where school and district leaders take time on a regularly scheduled basis to discuss the importance of leadership, stay abreast of relevant research and support one another in their efforts to bring about meaningful change.
- Leaders need their own “Professional Learning Community” in order to share, learn and grow together.
- Engage in regular, ongoing dialogue focused on the leader’s role in improving teaching and learning.
- Strained budgets limit the professional development funding available for school and district leaders.
- There are no travel, lodging, conference, consultant, or facilitator fees for the subscription service, making it a cost effective means to address an important need.
- Having time to develop your own leadership activities, case studies, etc. is nearly impossible given the increased demands placed on leaders at all levels.
- Complete control over when, where and with whom you use the Subscription Service activities. Some districts use them for summer retreats, others incorporate them into monthly cabinet meetings and others have created regional support groups of school leaders.



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